

# 25 Negro Fire Victims Now Stuyvesant Tenants' Guests

By Louise Mitchell

Ten adults and 15 children, Negro victims of a Harlem fire tragedy, yesterday became the guests of tenants in Stuyvesant Town, lily-white project of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Responding to the invitation of members of the Town and Village Committee to End Discrimination in Stuyvesant Town, the United Harlem Tenant Consumer Organization brought the homeless families to the home of Jesse Kessler, 1 Stuyvesant Oval, late yesterday afternoon.

One of the children, infant Brenda Richardson, had to be taken to another apartment for doctor's care. Included in the group were families who had spent two nights on the chairs and benches of the Harlem tenant group at 44 W. 125 St.

They were part of the 120 families who became homeless Monday when a four-alarm fire destroyed four Harlem tenements at 360, 362, 364 and 366 W. 117 St.

Although guards in Stuyvesant Town questioned the entrance of the Negro group into the project, they were not hindered. The families were guided by Adele Adams, executive secretary of the Harlem tenant group; Sol Salz, of the New York Tenant, Welfare and Consumer Council; Ray Williams, chairman of the American Labor Party in the 11th A.D.; and Betty Odon

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Dr. James J. Jones tends a child victim at the headquarters of the United Harlem Tenant and Consumer Organization, 44 W. 125 St.

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# LEADERS OF 7 MILLION NEGROES HIT MUNDT BILL

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## 2 Curran Aids Swap Charges on NMU Swindle

By Bernard Burton

Two salaried appointees of Joseph Curran, president of the CIO National Maritime Union, were accusing each other yesterday of squeezing money out of union members in return for granting them shipping rights. The charges and counter charges were flying around the NMU hall as a third Curran machine man was held over for the Grand Jury on charges of selling union books.

While these evidences of corruption were being aired, Curran announced to the press he was against a strike for the hiring hall, recently outlawed by the Supreme Court. Curran made the statement despite the position adopted at the last NMU convention that maritime workers would strike if there was any tampering with the hiring hall. Act.

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Crowd of 5,000 jubilant CCNY students yesterday cheered their victorious basketball team, national champions and first "grand slam" winner of NIT and NCAA tournaments. Inset shows co-captain Irwin Dambrot, winner of the NCAA Most Valuable Player award, addressing the campus rally.

Daily Worker Photo by Fred



# Suggests Royalty Step It Up to Carpet a Week

LONDON, March 29.—The London Daily Worker suggested today that a whole wing of Buckingham Palace be converted into a royal rug factory with the king, queen, princesses and all the peers of the kingdom pitching at making carpets to earn dollars.

The Workers said that if production could be upped to 10,000 carpets a week England could sell them in the United States for four times as many dollars as it will receive next year under the Marshall Plan.

It was the second time the Worker had ridiculed the royal family. Earlier it had displayed a cartoon of the king and queen, comparing their position with that of Seretse Khama, the African tribal chief.

Today the Worker referred to Queen Mother Mary, whose handmade carpet is being displayed for sale in the United States and Canada.

"Queen Mary, at the age of 82, working part-time and without experience,

turns out one carpet in two years," the Worker said.

## SUGGESTS 1 A WEEK

"Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, working eight hours a day, should before long be able to turn out at least a carpet a week each.

"If the king and queen (aided perhaps by the mistress of the bedchamber and the master of the horse) were to lend a hand, production could be doubled again."

The Worker said the Navy surely

could manage to spare the Duke of Edinburgh. And, it said, by working around the clock and employing 1,400 dukes, duchesses, earls, countesses and other members of royalty, production could reach 10,000 a week.

"Crazy, you think, Sir Stafford?" (Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps) the Worker said.

"Possibly. But no more crazy than all the other ideas for busting into the great American dollar market."

# Heavy Guns Off for Europe Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The Defense Department announced today that the first shipment of army equipment to North Atlantic Treaty nations leaves New York Friday.

The department said the shipment will include heavy artillery and "other items" which it declined to identify.

Recipient countries were not named, but they were reported to be France and Italy.

Four B-29 bombers have been flown to England and 48 Navy fighters and bombers recently were shipped to France on the French aircraft carrier Dixmude.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today asserted that the United States is not spending enough for the Air Force, anti-submarine warfare and Alaskan bases.

## ASKS MORE FUNDS

He said he proposed changes in the \$13,000,000,000 defense budget for fiscal 1951—which he helped draft. He urged a \$15,000,000,000 military budget "indefinitely."

He proposed a fully "modernized" 48-group air force.

The Columbia University President was called before the Senate Appropriations Committee to explain his recent statement in New York urging increased armaments.

"I'd probably add a few hundred million," the General said, mainly for anti-submarine warfare, Alaska, the Air Force, and industrial mobilization. He stressed plant mobilization, which he said he had discussed with Bernard M. Baruch.

He also suggested the committee study the scope of military intelligence. When appropriations committee Chairman Kenneth McKellar, (D-Tenn), pressed for details, Eisenhower said he could not discuss them in public.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson asked Congress today to step up the cold-war in southeast Asia, and Gen. Eisenhower strongly supported his plea.

Acheson presented the administration's new Asiatic policy to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in a closed-door session.

# Belgian Dock Men Appeal to U. S. Seamen

ANTWERP, March 29.—Longshoremen of this port have issued an appeal to American seamen not to scab on Belgian waterfront workers who have decided to picket ships bearing war cargoes.

The appeal said:

"All ships that arrive in our harbors (Antwerp, Ghent, Ostend) loaded with war materials, are faced with strong picket lines of longshoremen and peaceful citizens."

"We have resolved not to load or unload a gun, a cannon or a single bullet of the deadly war cargoes that are brought to our shores."

The plea of the Belgian dockers reminds the American seamen that Belgium's soil "is still fresh with the human blood" shed in World War II but already "these warmongers are carrying out the designs of Wall Street to engulf humanity in a third world war of aggression."

The appeal notes that the agreement between American seamen and shipping companies "gives you the rights not to pass or work behind a picket line."

## Belgian Socialists Back Down

BRUSSELS, March 29.—The leaders of the Belgian Socialist Party have backed down on their opposition to the return of King Leopold to his throne. They now say they will accept his return if he will abdicate in favor of his 19-year-old son.

# Steel Tells of French Peace Fight

Parliament Forced to Set Debate on Delegates' Plea

By Arnold Sroog

So deep and broad is popular support for the peace movement launched by the World Peace Congress that today the French Chamber of Deputies is scheduled to debate the proposals laid before it by a Peace Delegation last month, Johannes Steel, a member of the U. S. delegation reported on his return from Europe yesterday.

Back from a month's stay in Europe, during which time he was in Paris, Prague, Moscow, Leninograd and Stockholm, Steel was impressed by the great breadth of the peace movement there and the obvious impression it made throughout the continent. Typical of their reception was the fact that the proposals of the peace delegates—outlaw use of the atom bomb and discussion of disarmament in all parliaments—were formally presented to the parliaments of France, Italy and the Soviet Union.

Another great fact about Europe today, Steel stressed in an interview at his home shortly after a rough plane trip from Paris, was the impact of the struggle on the docks of Western Europe, in which longshoremen are refusing to unload arms from the U. S.

## SOLIDLY AGAINST WAR

The dock movement expresses what is decisive in Western Europe, Steel reported—the working class is solidly against war and



In Stockholm, two members of the U. S. Peace Delegation chat with Alexander Fadeyev, leading Soviet novelist. Left to right are Albert E. Kahn, Fadeyev and Johannes Steel.

is willing to fight to the bitter end against their cynical rulers who have made their deal with the warmakers of Wall Street.

Steel's first stop in Europe was Paris where, as a member of a peace delegation, he called on Eduard Herriot, Radical Socialist President of the French Chamber of Deputies. Herriot discussed the program of the World Peace Congress with the delegates and their

proposals were placed on the Chamber's agenda for debate today. In Rome another delegation met with Ivanoe Bonomi, President of the Italian Senate, and the peace-plans were also laid before the Italian Parliament.

In Stockholm, where the Peace Congress held its sessions, an official reception for the Congress was organized by the Stockholm

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## New Berlin Airlift; Private Line to Profit

FRANKFURT, Germany, March 29.—U. S. Government and civil airline officials pushed plans today for a new airlift into Berlin that will cut in on German cargo transport.

W. J. Naylor, district sales manager for American Overseas Airlines, said in an interview that his company has discussed with Allied authorities plans to fly 10 special cargo flights both to and from Berlin daily.

## Protest Vandalism by GI in Soviet Zone

BERLIN, March 29.—Soviet authorities charged tonight that a crew member of a U. S. military freight train shot up and destroyed a railway traffic signal in the Soviet zone west of Berlin a week ago.

The accusation was contained in a formal note to the U. S. high commission in Berlin.

# Mrs. FDR Admits It's Futile to Back Chiang in UN

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., March 29.—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said today it "seems futile" to support Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang in the United Nations. Mrs. Roosevelt's statement came a few hours after

Brazil's Oswaldo Aranha, former UN General Assembly president, cabled unqualified endorsement of UN secretary-general Trygve Lie's campaign to oust the Kuomintang, though he simultaneously condemned the Soviet Union's walk-outs over the Chinese credentials issue.

Mrs. Roosevelt's remarks were made at a luncheon of the UN Correspondents Association. She emphasized she was speaking as an individual.

"Most of us feel," Mrs. Roosevelt said, "that the Chinese Nationalist government was given every opportunity to form a government representing all the people of China. This was urged by Gen. (George C.) Marshall.

"They also had ample opportunity to make reforms and make an appeal to the great mass of people. They didn't. I think the communism that resulted cannot be entirely the result of Russian help, it is quite evident it was largely the result of a weak Nationalist government, which did not do what the people wanted.

"To support the Nationalists seems futile, but I do not think anyone can make the final decision except the UN General Assembly.

I think it must either be done at a special session or we must wait until the regular session (in the fall.) Aranha was the third former president of the General Assembly to come out in support of Lie's program for easing the "cold war."

"I see no reason," said the former Brazilian foreign minister, "for objection to the admission of the China of today into the United Nations. Any policy which seeks to deny or to escape reality is wrong. It is in the world of facts that we should seek a field of understanding for the aims and aspirations of peoples. I do not approve Russian intransigence in withdrawing from United Nations councils until a new Chinese government takes its place therein. Equally, I cannot justify the intransigence of those who wish to maintain in the United Nations a government which was unable to maintain itself in its own country."

HONG KONG, March 29.—The Chinese People's Republic announced today the liberation of the last base of the Kuomintang on the Chinese mainland.

The New China news agency reported the liberation of Sinchong, one of China's westernmost cities. (Continued on Page 9)

# Peace Group Answers Winchell

PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—The Committee of Philadelphia Women for Peace is hitting back hard at a red-baiting "Ballots for Peace" campaign. The attack was made by Walter Winchell, in a broadcast last Sunday night.

In wires to Winchell and ABC, the Committee demanded equal radio time to answer his characterization of their growing peace movement as a "front organization for a political party."

"We want to establish once and for all," the committee wired Winchell, "that American women of every political persuasion are

determined to prevent another war."

Over 10,000 ballots for peace, asking President Truman to outlaw the H-bomb, have been signed here.

"Our peace ballots are coming in faster than ever," Estelle Shoben, a member of the committee, told reporters.

Committee chairman Mercedes Bond declared: "Winchell's screamin' warnings to Philadelphia women to beware of the committee can only unite thousands more in the fight for peace. As a mother of four children, it

is not enough for me to prefer that they grow up in a world at peace. I intend to continue working for it."

In addition to listing these two committee members as "fellow-travelers," Winchell's broadcast named Ada Jackson, who spoke at a successful commemoration of International Woman's Day here two weeks ago. Winchell characterized Mrs. Jackson as a "lieutenant of Vito Marcantonio," and said she had just returned from a trip to Soviet Russia and China with Mrs. Paul Robeson, who needs no introduction to you.



## Big Steel Local Hits Mundt Bill

Special to the Daily Worker

GARY, Ind., March 29.—An overflow meeting of largest CIO Steel Local 1014 at Gary works of U. S. Steel last night unanimously voted to send wires to Indiana Sens. Homer Capehart and William E. Jenner and Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas demanding defeat of the Mundt-Nixon police state bill.

GARY, Ind., March 27.—The Indiana State Industrial Union Council, in a newsletter to all CIO affiliates, has urged action to defeat the Mundt bill. "At least two current activities in our Congress do not threaten the Communists as much as they threaten the existence of American principles." These, the CIO state body says, are the McCarthy witchhunt and the Mundt bill. The latter is termed "another hysterical stab in the dark" whose terms "are so sweeping that all types of groups might be caught in its meshes."

### MISSOURI . . .

ST. LOUIS, March 29.—A two-day conference of UE District 8, held in Rock Island, Ill., took action against the Mundt bill. The entire delegation signed a telegram to Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas (D-Ill) demanding defeat of the bill.

### COLORADO . . .

PUEBLO, Colo., March 29.—A telegram signed by 115 citizens of this town, most of them steel workers, was sent to Sens. Edward C. Johnson (D-Colo) and Eugene Millikin (R-Colo) demanding that they vote against the bill. The bill, said the telegram, "would destroy the human right to protest."

### MARYLAND . . .

BALTIMORE, March 29.—More than 1,500 Maryland workers—steel, maritime, furniture and others—have signed mass letters and telegrams to Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas (D-Ill) demanding defeat of the Mundt-Ferguson police state bill.

In addition, a large group of prominent Maryland citizens have issued a statement calling the bill a serious threat to civil liberties. The statement was sent to Maryland's two Democratic Senators, Millard Tydings and Herbert O'Connor.

Charging that the bill "would destroy our democracy," the signers said they were associating themselves with the opposition to the bill taken by the AFL, CIO, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, American Jewish Congress, American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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## Judge Harris Jails Frameup Prosecutor for Contempt

INDIANAPOLIS, March 29.—Judge Norval K. Harris, of the Sullivan Circuit Court yesterday struck back at attempts of Indiana officials to frame him. He sent John Purcell, court prosecuting attorney, to jail for contempt, after Purcell had stormed angrily out of the hearing.

Judge Harris is co-chairman, with Paul Robeson, of the National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the 11 Communist leaders. The frameup indictments against him, had been dismissed last week by Circuit Judge Ralph A. Seal of Knox County, sitting as special judge. Judge Seal ruled the grand jury had been tampered with. Pur-

cell then filed affidavits for new indictments.

Observers pointed out that the circumstances of the indictment were strange. Indianapolis papers ran headlines about the indictment before it was opened by the judge in Sullivan County.

### COUNT MISSING

In addition, one count of the indictment was missing, and in its place was a receipt from the Indiana attorney general J. Emmett McManoman.

Prosecutor Purcell worked closely with state officials on the case, which is an unusual procedure.

Judge Harris, at the request of the grand jury, appointed Earl Cummings as special prosecutor to

investigate Purcell. McManoman stated he would cite Harris for contempt before the Indiana Supreme Court for making the appointment. Judge Harris branded the charges against him as false, malicious and unfair indictments of this court.

"I assume," he said, "that no one was simple enough to believe I would take them lying down."

Commenting on the fact that the prosecutor knew of these charges a year ago, the judge asked, "Why did he act now? Is it because of my unpopular stand on civil rights. If so he will not succeed in causing me to be unfaithful to my oath to uphold the constitution and bill of rights."

# Leaders of 7 Million Negroes Hit Mundt, Demand FEPC Now

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Nine nationally known religious and fraternal leaders, representing Negro church groups and organizations with a membership of over seven million, today warned the Mundt-Nixon Bill is aimed at "blotting out all rights, even to protest and demand civil rights." In a statement issued by the Washington Bureau of the Fraternal Council of Churches, the nine urged all organized groups to demand that Sen. Scott Lucas (D-Ill) call up the compulsory FEPC bill in the Senate now.

"It is our firm conviction," they declared, "that no hysterical fulminations of a Sen. McCarthy should be permitted to blind us to the fact that while all the smoke of red scares is choking our democratic beliefs, the civil rights program, particularly the FEPC bill, is being quietly stabbed to death."

Signers of the statement included the following: Bishop L. H. Hemingway, Second Episcopal District, A.M.E. Church; Rev. Sandy F. Ray, chairman, National Social Welfare Commission, National Baptist Convention; Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, honorary president National Association of Colored Women; Bishop H. T. Medford, 12th Episcopal District A.M.E. Zion Church; Dr. William Jernigan, president National Bap-

tist Sunday School and BTU Congress; Mrs. Therese L. Robinson, grand directress, Elk National Civil Liberties Dept; Bishop W.W. Matthews, A.M.E. Zion Church, retired; Rev. Augustus Lewis, president Baptists Convention of Washington, D. C. and vicinity; Lester Sutt, director, Washington Bureau of Fraternal Council of Churches in America.

The fraternal council represents 11 denominations and seven million Negro church members.

### TEXT OF STATEMENT

The complete text of the statement follows:

"As responsible church and national organization leaders, who see in the present an increasing hysteria in America today cause for grave alarm at its effect on the fight for peace, civil rights and individual liberty, we call upon leaders of church, civic, women, fraternal, labor and youth organizations of all races, creeds and nationalities to unite in a common demand for passage of civil rights legislation, particularly the compulsory FEPC bill in the Senate.

"It is a disgraceful commentary on our American way of life, which we so blatantly declare before the world to be the only way to guarantee security and individual freedom for peoples, that we are paving the way for blotting out all rights even to protest and demand civil rights with the proposals contained in the Mundt-Nixon bill. This bill aims to control political thought and establish a new basis of Americanism contrary to the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

### RAP RED-BAITING

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REV. PARKER

Blasts Thought-Control Bill

## Cleric Tells House Hearing Of Mundt Peril

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Passage of the Mundt-Nixon thought control bill would "jeopardize the liberties of millions of Americans," Rev. Clarence Parker, chairman of the Illinois Civil Rights Congress told the House Un-American Committee today.

Rev. Parker drew the respectful attention of four committee members present as he urged rejection of the measure. He insisted that the bill would set up "new categories of crime" and a blacklist that would affect millions of Americans.

"It is safe to predict that if this bill now under consideration by this committee become law, the streets of this country will be filled with desperate families who cannot find an employer to give them work or a landlord to give them shelter," Rev. Parker said.

He declared that the bill would establish "guilt by association" on a widespread basis throughout the nation and would do away with the

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## Ford Fires Negro For Hitting Speedup

By William Allan

DEARBORN, Mich., March 29.—Two days after he was nominated by the workers in Ford Press Steel Building to be vice-president of that division of the United Auto Workers Local 600, Art McPhaul, militant Negro shop committeeman, was fired by the company for making speeches against speedup.

Meanwhile, Carl Stellato, candidate for president of the Ford local who is backed by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, can go into Press Steel Building and stand right on the production line campaigning without interference from the company.

The Ford local's executive board this week decided to make a major fight on McPhaul's case.

It was reported the board plans to instruct each of the several hundred committeemen on an unspecified day to make public speeches in the lunchrooms. The union officers, led by president

Thomas Thompson, will enter the plant, proceed to a lunchroom at the dinner hour, and speak. This challenge of the company's firing of one of the leading Negro unionists is the first time such a struggle has taken place on free speech and against discrimination.

An enlarged meeting of the local's 300-man general council is to be held Sunday to mobilize even wider support.

The latest development in the Chrysler strike is a statement by UAW president Walter Reuther, telling the 89,000 strikers to "dig in for a long strike" and declaring the union will now accept contributions from international unions to help the strike.

## Kill Elephant That Slew Child

SARASOTA, Fla., March 29 (UP).—Dolly, the circus elephant which in a maddened moment crushed the life out of a small boy with her 4,000-pound bulk, was executed at dawn today with a double dose of poison.

The huge animal obediently lumbered into a deep pit prepared for her grave and died within 10 minutes after a veterinarian injected strychnine and cyanide behind her ear.

About 100 Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey workers stopped loading the circus for its trip to New York and the season's opening early next month to witness the execution, held during a rainstorm on the edge of the circus grounds.

Dolly, who for 20 of her 27 years peacefully accepted peanuts from children visiting the circus, turned killer last Sunday.

## Memo to the Reader

By ALAN MAX  
Managing Editor

Sandy Smith, a Negro shop worker of Philadelphia, only had a few minutes to sell The Worker last Saturday. He had come home from work late. He had pressing duties in the newly formed Tenants Committee of the Richard Allen Homes, which is organizing to stop the eviction of hundreds of families.

And he had to get dressed, have dinner with his family, and be at the party of the Friends of the Pennsylvania Worker Saturday evening.

"So I rang 18 door bells, and sold 17 copies of the paper," Smith told The Friends of The Worker when he got up to speak.

"It was the only paper that had a story about our tenants' movement. But that's nothing new. It's the only paper that tells the truth about anything the people do."

"Last winter a few of us sold a thousand copies one Sunday. We were knee deep in snow, but the paper had a story about Byard Jenkins. So we got out and sold it. And it helped keep Jenkins from being executed for a murder he didn't commit."

### Today's POINT of ORDER

Gen. Eisenhower now cries that we are "disarming." Thirteen billion dollars a year worth of disarmaments!

[Point of Order thanks P. Dean for the dollar bill for the fund drive.]



## Sidewalks OF NEW YORK

### What Every Professor Should Know

By Joseph North

You talk to the students at random on Washington Square, the young men and women of New York University taking the sun on a spring day. I fail to encounter even one who crawls into a shell when you say you are from the Daily Worker.

I tell them why I am here. The dean of men at Teachers' College in Oswego, I say, is

worried. The Rev. Dr. Robert J. McCracken, of Riverside Church is worried. "What's happening to our students?" they ask.

Prof. Francis J. Bassett, the teachers' dean, told the New York Times his concern about the "lack of communications between students and faculty." As evidence he referred to a report based on a study of 100 col-

leges. "The students are apathetic," he said. "The campus is a vacuum."

I show the students the clipping. One reads aloud to the others. The Rev. McCracken pleaded with teachers to stop "playing it safe." You are afraid, the minister said, "to stimulate free inquiry or to say anything that would seem to suggest any questioning of the status quo."

You must, the minister concluded, "choose between conscience and career."

#### MUTUAL EXCLUSION

What a confession! The cleric is saying that a career in this big-business civilization of ours does not allow "conscience"—social responsibility. One excludes the other.

The first group of students with whom I spoke leaned against the iron rail of the park and replied, sure, they had something to say. Two are veterans, one in the khaki-jacket with the air-force insignia stamped on it.

"We're not kids," one veteran said. "We've been through a war. College is no rah-rah stuff for us." He replied that he came here to study, to graduate, get a job, earn a living for his family.

A second interjected: "They call it apathy? If we're quiet, we keep our mouth shut because we've got jobs to get." The Feinberg law, the Mundt bill wear the cap and gown. The students said, sensibly enough, the university cannot be isolated from the nation as a whole.

But I found this: "We're not saying what we're thinking. I'm afraid to admit to myself what I'm thinking. Will I get a job when I get out?" He referred to a Times story that the number of students to graduate this year will far outnumber the jobs.

They are haunted by the fear of unemployment. It is, for them, a new fear, born in 1950. For last year, and the year before, they had confidence they'd get out into the world, make a quick go of it, win a career, get that suburban cottage for their children.

Now? They witness the gray march of depression, stifle in the cold war.

Some are resigned, fatalistic.

Others, most, expect Washington to find a peaceable solution. More: one student said, "I don't swallow all I read. You ask me, I believe ultimately the world will have to come to some kind of socialism."

Another, a law student, differs. But it is a give-and-take argument. They're thinking. But they won't say it in class. They tell of some who will. "The kids who belong to an organization. The kids who are 'committed'," one says. They express admiration for those who will talk up.

"But they'll get an F" one said. "They'll flunk out."

"No" another replied, "the profs have a sneaking respect for them. They're saying what the teacher is afraid to say."

The students I met are not ready "to talk" themselves. Brass hat pressures expect them to abandon "conscience" for that career. Like those teachers who fear to "stimulate free enquiry" The students see them with few but honorable exceptions—silent, as the blight of repression creeps across the campus, the nation.

But they're listening thinking, apprehensive.

(Another article will appear on this question tomorrow.)

### Letters to The Times

#### Apathy of Student Body

Tension, Absence of Interest in Organized Activities Found

To the Editor of The New York Times: Much discussion has cropped up con-

cerned with this problem of lack of communications between students and faculty, and with the apathetic attitude of students toward all organized activi-

ties. In the Twenties there was socialism, and in the Thirties radicalism and the peace movement stirred young blood in ivy-covered buildings. Today there seems to be a vacuum, a silence or an indifference to all movements, spiritual, intellectual, cultural and political. Or is this a calm preceding a new revival of religious thought in an atomic age? It puzzles many of us. FRANCIS J. BASSETT, Assistant Professor of Social Studies and Dean of Men, State Teachers College, Oswego, N. Y., March 20, 1950.

## Says CIO Laundry Union To Oust Negro Officials

The CIO Laundry Workers Union is conducting a drive to remove Negro organizers and business agents from positions of leadership, the New York Amsterdam News has charged in a series of articles written by Carl Lawrence. Despite the fact that the

10 laundry locals count 26,000 members, of whom 15,000 are Negroes, not a single Negro sits in the union's top councils, the conservative Negro weekly disclosed.

Critics of the union's discriminatory policy claim, reported Lawrence, that nearly all Negro organizers and business agents "expected to be fired at any time."

Dolly Lowther, educational director of the LWU and onetime assistant to Mrs. Sidney Hillman, recently was transferred without explanation to another post.

Two other Negro women officials have also been humiliated by transfers, Lawrence said.

Charlotte Adelmund, a veteran organizer, has been transferred and assigned to work in the Chinese laundry field.

Mrs. V. Myrtle Toppin, president of Laundry Workers Local 300, was fired by the Cashman Laundry but her business agent has refused to review the case as a grievance. Other Negro officials, fearful of their jobs as a result of the current drive, are Hexton Harden, Charles Owens, Odell Clark, James Lewis, Bert Jemott, Robert Horsham and Alfred "Slim" Olton.

The union was founded 20 years ago and later became affiliated to the CIO's Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union. The ACW is headed by Jacob Potofsky, one of the big wheels in the ouster of progressive unions from the CIO.

Not a single election has been held in the Laundry union for six years and no Negro has served as

assistant manager since 1947, Lawrence charged.

A justified grievance that Negro workers have against the Amalgamated leadership is that Negro labor has been concentrated in laundry where the lowest wages in the clothing industry are paid.

They also charge that the Amalgamated, under secret orders, was instructed not to organize Negro workers in the CIO's Southern organizing fiasco.

Sander Genis, LWU manager, is seldom to be found in this area and the union's activities are conducted by Louis Simon, secretary. Simon is also the union's representative on the executive board of the Greater New York Urban League and has been severely criticized as a "dictator" in recent weeks by members who refuse to be identified, according to Lawrence.

Simon is headman over the union's \$2,000,000 Benefit fund. The fund is used for the sick and supplemental hospitalization and is tightly controlled by Simon. It is estimated that \$1,350,000 have been contributed to the fund by Negro members, but not a single Negro sits on the fund's board.

These are some of the issues the union's Negro militant workers intend to bring to the Amalgamated convention, scheduled in Cleveland in six weeks, Lawrence said.

## UE Seeks 10c Raise, Pensions In Shops Here

NEWARK, March 29.—A fighting program for wage increases and liberal health and pension plans was adopted by delegates to the District 4 Council, United Electrical Workers meeting in the Continental Auditorium here.

UE's contract demands include a 10 cents an hour general wage increase; higher rates of pay for women workers; abolition of incentive rates where possible and further safeguards for incentive workers. UE is demanding a pension minimum of \$125 after 20 years of service and extension of the present UE District Group Insurance Plan to all shops.

UE will emphasize securing of a clause in all agreements to bar discrimination on account of "sex, age, color, creed, nationality or political affiliation" in hiring, promotions and apprentice training. The Council urged locals to press for in-plant training programs, particularly to provide Negro workers with skills which will make possible advancement on the job.

## Anna Rochester Is 70; Marks Day at Her Desk

Anna Rochester is 70 today but she will be at her desk continuing her tireless work of half a century. The book she wrote, *Rulers of America*, has become a classic, and she continues to shed abundant light on that corner of America the rulers try to keep dark—the reigning families who dictate the economy of our country.

Her work is known not only to thousands in America. Only yesterday she received a letter from Japan requesting permission to translate her study of finance capital. The request came from a young Japanese economist, a Marxist, who spent many years in the warlords' prisons.

Last year her book *Why Farmers Are Poor*, was translated into Russian. Her works include *The Populist Movement in the United States*; *The Nature of Capitalism*, and *American Capitalism—1607 to 1800*. There are many more.

The author, a modest, shy woman whose books pack the dynamite of truth, is a descendant of the family which founded Rochester, N. Y. Her forefathers stem from Nicholas Rochester who came from Essex in England to settle Virginia in 1689. One ancestor, Nathaniel, founder of the city bearing his name, was a major of militia during the Revolutionary War, paymaster of the Minute Men and a member of the Provisional Convention.

#### WORKED FOR DEBS

Miss Rochester continued the quest of her forefathers for freedom when, before 1910, she joined the Socialist Party and crusaded for Eugene V. Debs. Later she worked for the Children's Bureau in the U. S. Department of Labor,



ANNA ROCHESTER

Three score and ten today

from 1915 to 1921, battling the cruel child labor conditions.

After a trip around the world in the mid-twenties, a journey which took her through the Soviet Union, she returned to America convinced that the Communists had the solution for the world's ills.

Miss Rochester today is working on the book *Monopoly Today* which Labor Research Association will bring out shortly. It will take the facts of *Rulers of America* through 1950; the book was written some 15 years ago.

## Tenement Fire Survivor Thanks 'Daily'

By Max Gordon

Dudley Davis, a scholarly-looking man of middle height, came into the city room yesterday bearing a clipping from the Daily Worker of March 24.

The clip was the picture and story of a fire at 860 E. 161 St. in the Bronx which made 80 families homeless, most of them Negro and Puerto Rican.

"Mine was the apartment in which the fire started," he said. "And I want to thank you for having the most accurate account of what happened. The Times story, the Mirror and others said my wife had dropped a kerosene

stove. The News placed the blame on my wife saying she had dropped a kerosene can. She called the News and asked for a retraction. They said she was fresh."

Our story said simply the fire started from the explosion of a kerosene heater. Nobody dropped it, Davis explained. It was a new one, bought at Macy's because the apartment, on the top floor, was constantly without heat.

Davis' daughter left it in the bedroom to keep her infant child warm while she went into the kitchen to heat a bottle. The next thing they knew, the bedroom was full of smoke.

"Service has been deteriorating for years," Davis declared. "The boiler was never fixed properly, and the heat never came up to our apartment."

Davis told how his wife was badly burned in rescuing the baby who suffered slight burns. Mrs. Davis ran downstairs and asked a cop to help her get to a hospital. He told her roughly to stand aside.

A cab took her to Lincoln Hospital where she received emergency treatment and was sent home.

The Davis' two daughters and six grandchildren are scattered

among three other families, ready living in crowded quarters.

The family's food, furniture, clothing, cash were all destroyed.

"The only people to come to our help were the Communists and the workers' groups," Davis said. He showed a wire from the Bronx Tenants Council offering him help in getting food and housing. He is to go to the City Housing Authority today with a Tenant Council delegation to fight for a new home.

One tenants' group in the neighborhood came through with food to carry the family through the first days after the tragedy.

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## MARITIME PAGE

Appears Every Thursday in the  
Daily WorkerRank and File Active  
For NMU Election Slate

A rank and file slate of candidates for office in the National Maritime Union will be in the field when the NMU biennial national elections begin this Saturday. In the two years since the Curran machine took over full control of the once-powerful and progressive NMU, the membership of that union has seen a disastrous decline in their job opportunities, living conditions and union democracy.

Hundreds of the most militant fighters who helped found and build the union have been expelled, blacklisted, and in many cases beaten by paid goons. Negro and Spanish-speaking seamen have been particularly victimized and discriminated against by the squeeze play of the Curran-ship-owner combine.

Gradually, and inevitably, with the aid and leadership of the organized rank and file movement in which the progressive forces have participated, the membership of the NMU has seen through the demagogic promises made by Curran in the last election.

The militant opposition at the September national convention of the NMU was followed shortly by the mass resistance to the dictatorial ousting of the New York Port officials.

## UNITY ACHIEVED

It was the unity of the anti-Curran forces established after the seizure of the New York hall by the Curran machine that set the stage for the calling of the National Rank and File Conference of Feb. 19. This conference, which saw delegates representing all shades of opinion from every port in the country, hammered out the basic program and slate which could unite the membership for an anti-Curran, anti-shipowner struggle. Since the conference, certain people, led by Charlie Keith and Bill Dunne, have attempted to split the unity of the anti-Curran forces by narrowing down the slate in order to further their own factional interests.

However, the now widespread rank and file organization in the major ports and ships has reaffirmed the policies laid down by the Rank and File Conference of Feb. 19. Literature and other campaign material publicizing the rank and file slate are being distributed to all ships and ports, and this activity will be continued for the 90 days of the election campaign.

The United Rank and File Slate is composed of militant progressives such as Jessie Gray, candidate for national secretary, and Angel Torres and Jim Malloy, candidates for Port Committee, and some who were associated with Curran in the last election, such as Robert McElroy, candidate for president, and Myles Yancey and Jack Lawrenson, candidates for vice-president.

All candidates on the Rank and File Slate are united behind the militant program which calls for

1. A fight for jobs through increasing manning scales, 40 hour week at sea, three months paid annual leave and relief crews. Creation of jobs through ending the cold war and through trade with China and East Europe.

2. Saving the hiring hall by welding unity of all maritime unions, announcing strike votes and readiness to act together.

3. A ceaseless fight for equal rights for all. Action to be taken against all forms of discrimination against Negro and Spanish speaking seamen.

4. Democracy within the NMU.

5. Maritime unity.

6. Contract enforcement and job action to protect contract.

## Baltimore NMUers Balk Goons

BALTIMORE, March 29.—Waterfront goons were worsted when they attacked rank and file seamen who were opposing the policies of NMU president Joe Curran Monday night. Three of the attacking goons ended in hospital and the rest were driven up East Baltimore Street from the union hall.

The goon attack followed an NMU meeting in which the rank and file seamen had refused to let the goons take over. The meeting opened with the election of an anti-Curran rank and file seaman as chairman over the opposition of Port Agent J. J. Smith, a Curran man.

The members overwhelmingly voted at the meeting against a Curranite motion to expel every seaman connected with what were called "splinter groups." This has become a Curranite term for the militant United Rank and File Committee that is running candidates against the Curran machine in the election starting April 1.

## BALK CURRAN MOVE

A 221 to 41 vote defeated charges brought by the Curran forces against NMU Dispatcher Johnson, an anti-Curran man in the

port of Norfolk, Va.

Seamen "took the deck" to demand a conference of all maritime unions, including that of the West Coast longshoremen, to save the union's hiring hall.

The slogan of "No Hiring Hall—No Work," was sounded by many speakers.

A motion to compel Agent Smith to enforce the shipping rules, providing strict enforcement of the rotary hiring hall system, which gives equal job opportunity to all, was passed by a big vote.

Baltimore is the second largest port in the United States.

Job Program Debated  
By Radio Operators

Radio operators, members of the American Radio Association, CIO, fought for a concrete job program at their last union meeting that would mean shorter waiting periods on the beach for the rank and file radio operators.

The demand for one day's leave

for every three days aboard ship was warmly taken up by the members, who expressed their support for the proposal as a constructive step in the right direction, in spite of the opposition of union officials.

After heated debate, the vote taken showed 14 to 14 on the question of supporting the job proposal. Only a high pressure job on an abstaining rank and file broke the tie in favor of the officials' motion to defeat the proposal, but the question of a job program for radio operators is now a hotter issue around the ARA hall than it ever was.

The Daily Worker needs your help. Contribute to the fund drive.

Moormac Line  
Profits Up

"Operations last year of Moore-McCormack Lines, Inc., resulted in a net profit of \$5,233,067, after taxes and all charges, including \$754,000 deduction of an interim provision for recapture of operating differential subsidy, the annual report disclosed yesterday." So reports the New York Times of March 28.

But this is only half the story. "A total of \$11,000,000 was used to pay off all mortgages during the year from funds accumulated in the company's reserve funds," the report continues.

Moore-McCormack now has a fleet of 35 owned vessels, clear of any mortgage indebtedness, in addition to \$10,000,000 in two reserve funds.

Not a bad setup for the shipowners, who are practically guaranteed against losses. But the thousands of unemployed seamen, on the beach sweating out the jobs that aren't there are in a different position.

Moore-McCormack undoubtedly aims at increasing its profits further in the coming years through the collaboration of the Currans and Lundeborgs, who are attempting to put across a complete sell-out on the hiring hall.

The growing unity in action of the rank and file of all maritime unions will have something to say on this, however.

Dr. Nourse Tells How  
Prosperity Is Born

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, former economic adviser to President Truman, said he was optimistic about the future because the growing population is creating new markets for everything from baby cribs to new automobiles. "The more babies there are, the more cribs and high chairs the nation needs," he said.

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## Of Things to Come Rigged Juries-- Prop of Jimcrow

By John Pittman

THE DAY AFTER the U. S. Supreme Court upheld the rigged jury system, it upheld the jimcrow system. When it sustained the conviction of seven white youth who dared to promote a Negro-white tennis tournament in jimcrow Baltimore, it bestowed its blessing on segregation as practiced by municipal, state and federal governments. But it did the same thing in sustaining the conviction of Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party. For the rigged-jury system has always been an instrument for maintaining jimcrow.

At this very moment, Rosa Lee Ingram and her two sons are serving a life-sentence in Georgia prisons because of a rigged jury — among other things. The Martinsville Seven, the Trenton Six, the Groveland youths, the Greenville teen-age cousins — yes, and thousands upon thousands more of the Negroes in jail today are there because of rigged juries. Not to mention the tens of thousands who have been hanged, electrocuted, or entombed in prison after having been pronounced "guilty" by juries drugged with hate and chauvinism.

Hence, in the Dennis case, as in the Baltimore case, the black-robed gentlemen on the highest bench of the land sprinkled holy water on the jimcrow system. It was a double blow—as if they are impatient to perform the final rite over the corpse of American democracy.

IN BOTH CASES the court evaded fundamental questions. The real issue of the Baltimore case was not whether seven youths had violated a jimcrow ordinance; the issue was the ordinance itself. What is a jimcrow ordinance doing in any city of a country truly democratic?

In the Dennis case, beneath the question of whether government employees on a jury can fairly and freely sit in judgment upon those accused by the government, is the issue of the case against Dennis itself. What is such a case doing in the court of a truly democratic country? What right has the House Un-American Committee to probe the thoughts of a citizen, to hound and punish a citizen for what he has said or written? What right had a Congressman stealing from the public purse to hold another citizen "contemptuous" of his authority? What right had he to authority?

And what was John Rankin doing on that committee—indeed, what right had he to be in Congress? How could thieves and lynchers sit in the Congress of these United States and decide the fate of millions of Americans?

What is going to be done about the illegal representation in Congress from regions where the majority of the population are forcibly denied the right to vote?

These questions, fundamental to the preservation of real freedom for millions of Americans, were not even considered by the august body which makes the law of our land.

The black-robed gentlemen talk a great deal about "justice," but they cherish their bondage to precedents denying justice. They profess deep attachment to the freedoms of the Constitution, but they dare not leave their procedural strait-jacket to challenge the forces of unfreedom. And as in their refusal even to consider the seamen's right to a hiring hall, they conceal their mountains of irresponsibility behind the straws of legalistic technicalities.

THE REASON FOR THIS is plain. The Supreme Court is the judicial arm of the government, the executive committee of the U. S. billionaires. Its objective is not to preserve American liberties; but to preserve the instruments by which American liberties may be destroyed. For as the billionaires encounter mounting resistance abroad, they turn more and more toward settling accounts with the American people.

The Dennis judgment serves notice to all that the U. S. money kings need and intend to use rigged juries as instruments for establishing fascism in the name of "Americanism."

The irrepressible conflict between Wall Street and the people is mounting. The issues are clearer, the illusions fewer. Who now can complacently rely on Truman's courts to void the Smith Act, nullify the Mundt-Nixon legislation, or otherwise defend the interests of the American people?

(Thanks to 2 of the Bronx, True and False of the Jefferson School, 18 of Philadelphia, and 18 of Minnesota, I am now almost neck and neck with George Morris on different levels, that is, what I need is to get on his level.)

VIRGIL

By Len Kleis



## Letters from Readers

NEW YORK

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the story you ran on March 24, the Justice Department's plan for mass arrests, the headline, "Justice Dept. Set to Arrest 9,000 Non-Communists As 'Subversives,'" is misleading. Actually, Acting Assistant Attorney General Whearty testified that his Department has 21,105 cases now pending, the bulk of which come under his "subversive" heading. Twelve thousand of these, he added, are ready for immediate action if the higher courts reject the appeal of the Communist leaders from conviction under the Smith Act.

Mr. Whearty did not separate his proposed victims into Communist and non-Communist categories. He is quite im-

partial, evidently, and is preparing to act against all Americans who, in his opinion, "appear to be acting in concert with Russian interests." I think it is important to note this non-separation, because it refutes the impression his superiors have been trying to drum into Americans heads that they are after the Communists alone.

Also, the story did not mention that our committee has prepared the first pamphlet revealing the true story of the Department of Justice's infamous plan. The Big Plot is now off the press, and is available at five cents per copy, lower prices for organizations ordering in bulk.

MILTON OST,  
Publicity Director,  
National Non-Partisan Comm.  
for the 12 Communist leaders.

## Press Roundup

THE HERALD TRIBUNE finds a "real predicament" in the fact that there is no sure-fire way to defeat Rep. Vito Marcantonio this November. Reckoning with the American Labor Party's "bargaining power" in the race for statewide office, the Trib counsels the Democrats to ignore the danger of "votes siphoned off" by the ALP and to guarantee "whole-hearted cooperation" with Republicans in "engineering the defeat" of Marcantonio.

THE NEWS is vehemently opposed to the contemplated federal loans to the many states whose unemployment insurance funds are being depleted. "U. S. Bureaucrats Want More Power," says the News. But the rag has not a word to offer in the way of a plan to avert the day when millions of unemployed will face bankrupt state funds.

THE COMPASS' T. O. Thackrey says he's "changed my mind about those FBI files." He recalls that when the "mysterious FBI files" on Dr. Edward Condon were opened, their "unproved and unprovable allegations... exposed not Condon, but his detractors and the FBI itself." So Thackrey now believes that the FBI files in the current witch-hunt should be opened.

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM,

which carried on a vicious smear campaign against the Puerto Rican community of New York, now decides: "We like the way that the CIO and AFL have gotten together to assist the fusing of New York's increasingly large Puerto Rican population in the city's melting pot." The Telly is even happy, it says, that the Puerto Ricans will be made "union conscious." But the gimmick is in the Telly's claim that Puerto Ricans in "Marcantonio's bailiwick have become 'easy prey for the Commies and their stooges.'" In other words, the scheme is to seek Puerto Rican votes, with a phony "aid" plan as a come-on. When Mayor O'Dwyer and some of his labor stooges really help the Puerto Rican people, that'll be the day.

THE JOURNAL AMERICAN'S George E. Sokolsky says "the war never ended; only the enemies have changed. For Hitler substitute Stalin; for Nazi Germany, Soviet Russia." In other words, why bother formally declaring a Third World War? We're still in War II, so let the a-bombs drop without notice.

THE POST implores "free men in other lands not to confuse Joe McCarthy—or the Daily News—with the Voice of America." Or, for that matter to confuse Cold War Acheson, the Post, or the Voice of America with the voice of America. R. F.

## World of Labor

By  
George  
Morris

### Everything Looks Red To Old Dan Tobin

DAN TOBIN, who'll celebrate his 74th birthday next month, is a bitter old man. I follow his diatribes in the International Teamster quite regularly. His "Timely Remarks" would be more appropriately titled "Everything is going to the dogs." He seems to have creeps. Sees "reds" at every turn. He is sore at the trade union members for "ungratefulness" and paying no attention to his advice. Now the labor movement of the whole world has gone red, says Dan "with the possible exceptions of England and our own country." In the next issue of his Journal, I expect to read that his union, the Brotherhood of Teamsters, is now the only "possible" exception.

This time the old boy is really sore. He is even sore at capitalism, and that's going some for \$35,000-a-year Dan Tobin. He comes up with the following profound thought:

"If communism ever does get hold of our country within the next 25 or 50 years, you can put it down and hand it down to your posterity that capitalism will be the chief means of bringing communism to our country as it was brought to Russia and China and the other countries. . . ."

You ain't kiddin', Dan! But don't hold out on us. You must have been peeping into the Communist Manifesto of Marx and Engels and swiped the idea from the crack in it about capitalism "digging its own grave."

OLD DAN wasn't always the bitter and disappointed man he is now. For a brief period—through the war—he wrote hopefully. He lashed out at the foes of labor and the assorted friends of Hitler in this country, even at Norman Thomas, who wanted peace with Hitler. He defended the Roosevelt policy of friendship and alliance with the Soviet Union in war and peace.

Now here is the interesting phenomenon I observed: as long as Tobin had a perspective of a prolonged peaceful coexistence of capitalism and socialism in this world and a peace insured by Soviet-American friendship, he had a perspective of hope and progress for his members and the whole labor movement. But as soon as he was mentally twisted by a cold-war hurricane, everything began to go to the dogs for him and the working class.

He can't find a ray of sunshine for the workers in the whole cold-war program, although he is for that program 100 percent. I have followed his confusions uninterruptedly. In recent years he has just cursed Communism.

In a way, I find some satisfaction in reading his tripe. To me it is evidence that people like Tobin, stalwart defenders of capitalism in labor ranks, are acknowledging their inability to sell capitalism to the workers as effectively as they were able to do in past days. So they blame their capitalist partners for being "so stupid and so blind," as Tobin puts it.

IT IS TYPICAL of our liberal and labor friends of capitalism to shout that, by their bad practices, the capitalists are helping the Communists. It is common to hear how discrimination and lynching in America harm "our interests abroad" and bolsters the cause of the Communists; how denial of freedom of thought in America deflates our democratic reputation abroad; how the Taft-Hartley Law and union-busting here ridicules our claim to "free unionism."

With unemployment well over 6,000,000 now, the Mrs. Roosevelts, Reuthers, Senators Humphreys and their kind plead that capitalism must show the world that it could provide "full employment" or the Communists will take advantage of the situation. "Stop being bad," is their stock appeal to the capitalists, "or the reds will get you."

But these "enlightened" friends of capitalism may as well plead to the moon. They cannot sway capitalism from its inevitable course. They have no basic influence on the economic laws that make conditions what they are under capitalism. The capitalists insist on behaving like capitalists.

That, of course, makes it very embarrassing for those who tell their followers that capitalism can be made "progressive." Like Tobin, they get very bitter when they see the Communists point to the rottenness of degeneration of capitalism to advance the cause of socialism.

Fund drive: \$2 from a steel worker of Reading (total \$78). A little more speed, friends of this column, Tinsley is getting ahead of me.

COMING: Rossellini Tells Off Hollywood . . . in The Worker this weekend



# ALP Asks Radio Time to Answer Dewey on Rents

Gov. Dewey yesterday signed the Republican rent decontrol bill, removing the state from federal controls and setting up a state rent administration. The Governor vetoed the Democratic rent bill, as well as one sponsored by Westchester Republicans which simply offered "stand-by" state controls.

In signing the GOP measure, Dewey leveled his fire at weaknesses in the Democratic measure, but failed to note serious weaknesses in the GOP measure.

Dewey went on the air last night to "explain" his measure. His speech was immediately countered by a demand from the American Labor Party that NBC allow equal radio time to Rep. Vito Marcantonio, state ALP chairman, to discuss rent control. "It is clear," the ALP said, "that Gov. Dewey's broadcast is a political one, designed to conceal the shameful surrender to the real estate interests who lobbied their bill into law."



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warn by those who sign scroll urging trade with New China and recognition. Tea issued by Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, 30 East 11th St., N. Y.

## Sanitation Workers Assail Coercion

Sanitation workers of Local 333, United Public Workers, yesterday charged Sanitation Commissioner Mulrain with intimidation and coercion. A letter to the commissioner from James Griesi, president of

the union, cited an unsigned order which warns that espousal of the UPW and circulation and distribution of its leaflets are forbidden, and which threatens police action.

Proposing a conference on this and other grievances the UPW leader served notice on Mulrain that the union will not accept "illegal and unauthorized verbal warnings" aimed at restricting freedom of speech and thought.

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## 100 PICKETS HIT BOMBING OF CHINA BY U. S.-MADE PLANES

More than 100 pickets demonstrated in the rain last night at 2 Park Ave., headquarters of the United States Mission to the United Nations, in protest against State Department policy of continued support to the Chiang Kai-shek regime on Formosa.

Mrs. Maud Russell, executive secretary of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, and Bob Requa, of the Furriers Joint Council, presented a letter to Warren Austin, chairman of the Mission and U. S. representative in the UN, protesting the bombings of China's cities by Chiang planes purchased from this country.

The delegation conferred with Mr. McKee, public relations official of the Mission, who said he would present the committee's protest to the proper officials.

Pickets carried signs reading "Friendship with China, Not Warships to Chiang," "Can You Be Silent as Chinese Children Die Under U. S. Bombs?" and "Stop Shipment of Bombs to Chiang Gangsters."

There was a good response from workers pouring out of shops and offices on their way home. Many turned back to request the leaflets from demonstrators, and a few joined the line.

## Jamaica Parley Hits Mundt Bill

A conference on civil rights held in Jamaica last weekend, with 30 community organizations represented, demanded the defeat of the Mundt bill.

The conference, which mapped a program to fight Jim Crow, declared that the Mundt bill would even outlaw the conference itself.

A committee to end discrimination in the area was elected. The meeting was chaired by Guy Brewer, legislative director of the Jamaica NAACP Chapter. Guest speakers included Shirley Graham, author and lecturer, and Dr. Alpheus Hennenburg, only Negro professor at Yeshiva University.

## Hit New Jansen Inquisition

The Teachers Union yesterday protested in a letter to Superintendent of Schools William Jansen the subjection of teacher David Friedman to a "political inquisition."

Friedman, a teacher in Junior High School 64, Manhattan, appeared before the superintendent on Monday, but was not permitted to have legal counsel.

Friedman is the latest of the Teachers Union members, all Jewish teachers, under fire by the superintendent for their progressive opinions.

Friedman's excellent record in the schools for the past two and a half decades was cited by Mrs. Rose Russell, TU legislative representative. Mrs. Russell demanded restoration of the "time-tested criteria for judging the fitness of teachers: their professional qualifications, their competence, conduct and performance in the classroom."

## Westinghouse Poll Ordered by NLRB

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Elections to determine whether the United Electrical Workers or James Carey's IUE is to represent 55,000 Westinghouse workers was ordered today by the National Labor Relations Board.

## Murray Sees Jobless Near 'Danger Mark'

PITTSBURGH, March 29.—CIO president Philip Murray today told the CIO's State Industrial Council that there were 4,684,000 unemployed in February, 1950, an increase of 1,463,000 over February of 1949.

"We are only 316,000 away from the danger mark of 5,000,000 set up by the President's Economic Advisory Council," Murray said.

Murray picked out General Motors and U. S. Steel as examples of big business that has enjoyed bigger and bigger profits while employment is on the decline.

## Sue Airport Over Jimcrow Restaurant

Two Washington Negroes brought separate suits in Federal Court yesterday against American Airlines, Inc., and Sky Chiefs, Inc., because of discrimination in an airport restaurant in Cincinnati.

The men, Elmer W. Henderson, director of the American Council on Human Rights, and John E. Myles, Jr., a physicist employed by the government, asked \$10,000 damages each and an injunction to bar discrimination against Negroes in airline restaurants.

## 30-Second Quake on Long Island

Long Islanders got a taste yesterday, however mild, of what an earthquake is like, when a "slight earth resettlement shock" occurred at 9:43 a.m. The quake lasted only 30 seconds, and thousands of homes on the island and in southwestern Connecticut were shaken. Only minor damage was reported.

## MONTANA . . .

BUTTE, Montana, March 29.—An active campaign against the Mundt bill is being waged in this Rocky Mountain state by many labor and farm groups.

Among the many organizations that have taken action on this bill are the Great Falls Building and Construction Trades Council, Local 16 of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Cascade County Trades and Labor Assembly and Carpenters Local 286.

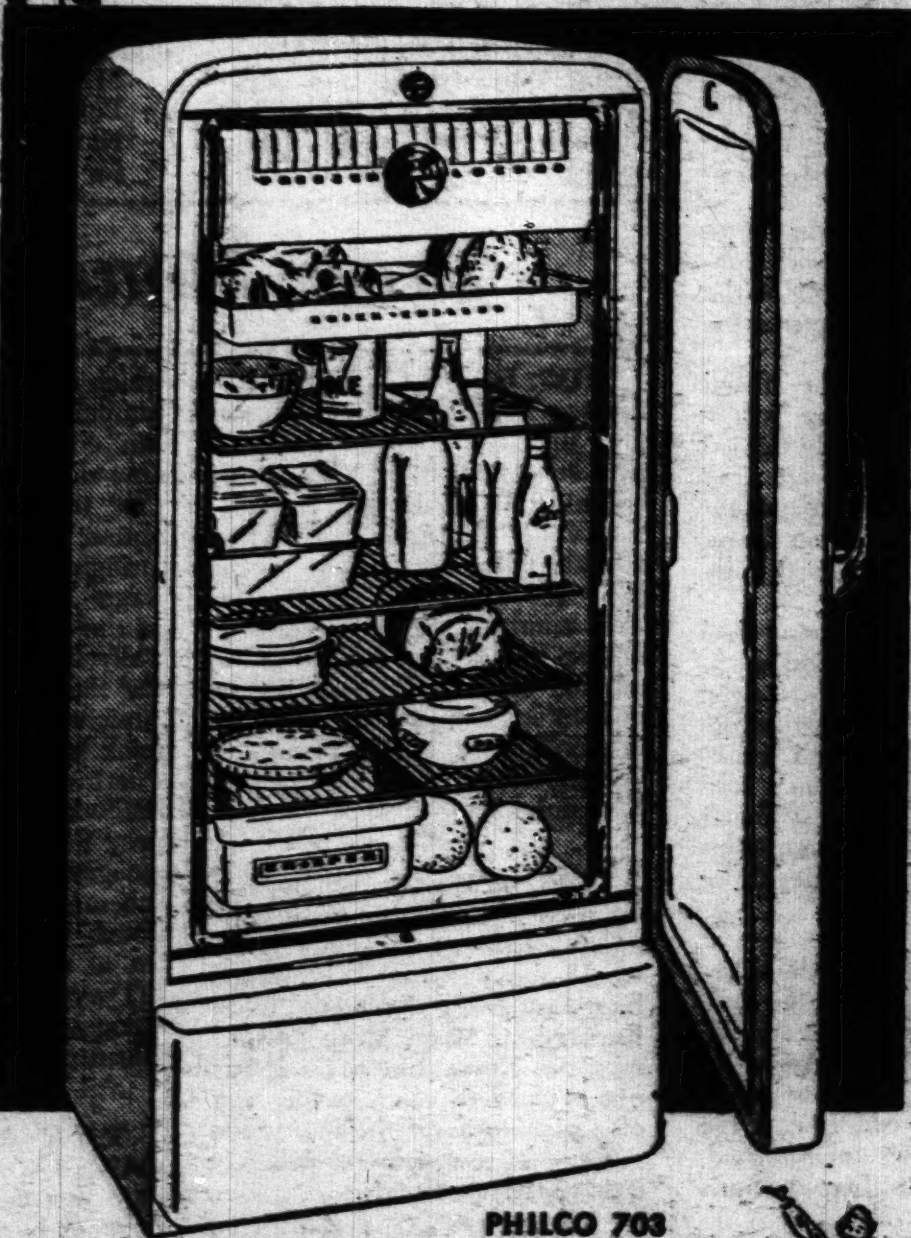
The second convention of the Montana Progressive Party also mapped a campaign against the measure when it met on March 18-19. The current issues of the Montana Labor News and the People's Voice both carried editorials denouncing the bill.

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## Of Things to Come Rigged Juries-- Prop of Jimcrow

By John Pittman

THE DAY AFTER the U. S. Supreme Court upheld the rigged jury system, it upheld the jimcrow system. When it sustained the conviction of seven white youth who dared to promote a Negro-white tennis tournament in jimcrow Baltimore, it bestowed its blessing on segregation as practiced by municipal, state and federal governments. But it did the same thing in sustaining the conviction of Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party. For the rigged-jury system has always been an instrument for maintaining jimcrow.

At this very moment, Rosa Lee Ingram and her two sons are serving a life-sentence in Georgia prisons because of a rigged jury — among other things. The Martinsville Seven, the Trenton Six, the Groveland youths, the Greenville teen-age cousins — yes, and thousands upon thousands more of the Negroes in jail today are there because of rigged juries. Not to mention the tens of thousands who have been hanged, electrocuted, or entombed in prison after having been pronounced "guilty" by juries drugged with hate and chauvinism.

Hence, in the Dennis case, as in the Baltimore case, the black-robed gentlemen on the highest bench of the land sprinkled holy water on the jimcrow system. It was a double blow—as if they are impatient to perform the final rite over the corpse of American democracy.

IN BOTH CASES the court evaded fundamental questions. The real issue of the Baltimore case was not whether seven youths had violated a jimcrow ordinance; the issue was the ordinance itself. What is a jimcrow ordinance doing in any city of a country truly democratic?

In the Dennis case, beneath the question of whether government employees on a jury can fairly and freely sit in judgment upon those accused by the government, is the issue of the case against Dennis itself. What is such a case doing in the court of a truly democratic country? What right has the House Un-American Committee to probe the thoughts of a citizen, to hound and punish a citizen for what he has said or written? What right had a Congressman stealing from the public purse to hold another citizen "contemptuous" of his authority? What right had he to authority?

And what was John Rankin doing on that committee—indeed, what right had he to be in Congress? How could thieves and lynchers sit in the Congress of these United States and decide the fate of millions of Americans?

What is going to be done about the illegal representation in Congress from regions where the majority of the population are forcibly denied the right to vote?

These questions, fundamental to the preservation of real freedom for millions of Americans, were not even considered by the august body which makes the law of our land.

The black-robed gentlemen talk a great deal about "justice," but they cherish their bondage to precedents denying justice. They profess deep attachment to the freedoms of the Constitution, but they dare not leave their procedural strait-jacket to challenge the forces of unfreedom. And as in their refusal even to consider the seamen's right to a hiring hall, they conceal their mountains of irresponsibility behind the straws of legalistic technicalities.

THE REASON FOR THIS is plain. The Supreme Court is the judicial arm of the government, the executive committee of the U. S. billionaires. Its objective is not to preserve American liberties, but to preserve the instruments by which American liberties may be destroyed. For as the billionaires encounter mounting resistance abroad, they turn more and more toward settling accounts with the American people.

The Dennis judgment serves notice to all that the U. S. money kings need and intend to use rigged juries as instruments for establishing fascism in the name of "Americanism."

The irrepressible conflict between Wall Street and the people is mounting. The issues are clearer, the illusions fewer. Who now can complacently rely on Truman's courts to void the Smith Act, nullify the Mundt-Nixon legislation, or otherwise defend the interests of the American people?

(Thanks to Z of the Bronx, True and False of the Jefferson School, JB of Philadelphia, and JB of Minnesota, I am now almost neck and neck with George Morris—on different lands, that is. What I need is to get on his level.)

VIRGIL



By Len Kleis

## Letters from Readers

NEW YORK

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the story you ran on March 24, the Justice Department's plan for mass arrests, the headline, "Justice Dept. Set to Arrest 9,000 Non-Communists As 'Subversives,'" is misleading. Actually, Acting Assistant Attorney General Whearty testified that his Department has 21,105 cases now pending, the bulk of which come under his "subversive" heading. Twelve thousand of these, he added, are ready for immediate action if the higher courts reject the appeal of the Communist leaders from conviction under the Smith Act.

Mr. Whearty did not separate his proposed victims into Communist and non-Communist categories. He is quite im-

partial, evidently, and is preparing to act against all Americans who, in his opinion, "appear to be acting in concert with Russian interests." I think it is important to note this non-separation, because it refutes the impression his superiors have been trying to drum into Americans heads that they are after the Communists alone.

Also, the story did not mention that our committee has prepared the first pamphlet revealing the true story of the Department of Justice's infamous plan. The Big Plot is now off the press, and is available at five cents per copy, lower prices for organizations ordering in bulk.

MILTON OST,

Publicity Director,  
National Non-Partisan Comm.  
for the 12 Communist leaders.

## Press Roundup

THE HERALD TRIBUNE finds a "real predicament" in the fact that there is no sure-fire way to defeat Rep. Vito Marcantonio this November. Reckoning with the American Labor Party's "bargaining power" in the race for statewide office, the Trib counsels the Democrats to ignore the danger of "votes siphoned off" by the ALP and to guarantee "whole-hearted cooperation" with Republicans in "engineering the defeat" of Marcantonio.

THE NEWS is vehemently opposed to the contemplated federal loans to the many states whose unemployment insurance funds are being depleted. "U. S. Bureaucrats Want More Power," says the News. But the rag has not a word to offer in the way of a plan to avert the day when millions of unemployed will face bankrupt state funds.

THE COMPASS' T. O. Thackrey says he's "changed my mind about those FBI files." He recalls that when the "mysterious FBI files" on Dr. Edward Condon were opened, their "unproved and unprovable allegations . . . exposed not Condon, but his detractors and the FBI itself." So Thackrey now believes that the FBI files in the current witch-hunt should be opened.

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM,

which carried on a vicious smear campaign against the Puerto Rican community of New York, now decides: "We like the way that the CIO and AFL have gotten together to assist the fusing of New York's increasingly large Puerto Rican population in the city's melting pot." The Telly is even happy, it says, that the Puerto Ricans will be made "union conscious." But the gimmick is in the Telly's claim that Puerto Ricans in "Marcantonio's bailiwick have become 'easy prey for the Commies and their stooges.' In other words, the scheme is to seek Puerto Rican votes, with a phony 'aid' plan as a come-on. When Mayor O'Dwyer and some of his labor stooges really help the Puerto Rican people, that'll be the day.

THE JOURNAL AMERICAN'S George E. Sokolsky says "the war never ended; only the enemies have changed. For Hitler substitute Stalin; for Nazi Germany, Soviet Russia." In other words, why bother formally declaring a Third World War? We're still in War II, so let the a-bombs drop without notice.

THE POST implores "free men in other lands not to confuse Joe McCarthy—or the Daily News—with the Voice of America." Or, for that matter to confuse Cold War Acheson, the Post, or the Voice of America with the voice of America. R. F.

## World of Labor

By  
George  
Morris

### Everything Looks Red To Old Dan Tobin

DAN TOBIN, who'll celebrate his 74th birthday next month, is a bitter old man. I follow his diatribes in the International Teamster quite regularly. His "Timely Remarks" would be more appropriately titled "Everything is going to the dogs." He seems to have creeps. Sees "reds" at every turn. He is sore at the trade union members for "ungratefulness" and paying no attention to his advice. Now the labor movement of the whole world has gone red, says Dan "with the possible exceptions of England and our own country." In the next issue of his Journal, I expect to read that his union, the Brotherhood of Teamsters, is now the only "possible" exception.

This time the old boy is really sore. He is even sore at capitalism, and that's going some for \$35,000-a-year Dan Tobin. He comes up with the following profound thought:

"If communism ever does get hold of our country within the next 25 or 30 years, you can put it down and hand it down to your posterity that capitalism will be the chief means of bringing communism to our country as it was brought to Russia and China and the other countries. . . ."

You ain't kiddin', Dan! But don't hold out on us. You must have been peeping into the Communist Manifesto of Marx and Engels and swiped the idea from the crack in it about capitalism "digging its own grave."

OLD DAN wasn't always the bitter and disappointed man he is now. For a brief period—through the war—he wrote hopefully. He lashed out at the foes of labor and the assorted friends of Hitler in this country, even at Norman Thomas, who wanted peace with Hitler. He defended the Roosevelt policy of friendship and alliance with the Soviet Union in war and peace.

Now here is the interesting phenomenon I observed: as long as Tobin had a perspective of a prolonged peaceful coexistence of capitalism and socialism in this world and a peace insured by Soviet-American friendship, he had a perspective of hope and progress for his members and the whole labor movement. But as soon as he was mentally twisted by a cold-war hurricane, everything began to go to the dogs for him and the working class.

He can't find a ray of sunshine for the workers in the whole cold-war program, although he is for that program 100 percent. I have followed his confusions uninterruptedly. In recent years he has just cursed Communism.

In a way, I find some satisfaction in reading his tripe. To me it is evidence that people like Tobin, stalwart defenders of capitalism in labor ranks, are acknowledging their inability to sell capitalism to the workers as effectively as they were able to do in past days. So they blame their capitalist partners for being "so stupid and so blind," as Tobin puts it.

IT IS TYPICAL of our liberal and labor friends of capitalism to shout that, by their bad practices, the capitalists are helping the Communists. It is common to hear how discrimination and lynching in America harm "our interests abroad" and bolsters the cause of the Communists; how denial of freedom of thought in America deflates our democratic reputation abroad; how the Taft-Hartley Law and union-busting here ridicules our claim to "free unionism."

With unemployment well over 6,000,000 now, the Mrs. Roosevelt, Reuthers, Senators Humphreys and their kind plead that capitalism must show the world that it could provide "full employment" or the Communists will take advantage of the situation. "Stop being bad," is their stock appeal to the capitalists, "or the reds will get you."

But these "enlightened" friends of capitalism may as well plead to the moon. They cannot sway capitalism from its inevitable course. They have no basic influence on the economic laws that make conditions what they are under capitalism. The capitalists insist on behaving like capitalists.

That, of course, makes it very embarrassing for those who tell their followers that capitalism can be made "progressive." Like Tobin, they get very bitter when they see the Communists point to the rottenness of degeneration of capitalism to advance the cause of socialism.

Fund drive: \$2 from a steel worker of Reading (total \$78). A little more speed, friends of this column, Tinsley is getting ahead of me.

COMING: Rossellini Tells Off Hollywood . . . in The Worker this weekend



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## Defense Against Landlords

GENERAL EISENHOWER is deeply concerned.

It seems the General (who made a quick million dollars out of his war book) feels that the THIRTEEN BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR he approved for GUNS and BOMBS is tantamount to disarming the U. S. A.

Do you know how many HOMES this thirteen billion bucks now going to the munition makers could build for the common people of America? About 1,500,000 beautiful new homes!

The Big Brass panhandling for bigger and bigger pork barrels cynically labeled "defense." The feeling is that Congress will quickly approve more billions for GUNS, BOMBS, and DEATH. But this is the same Congress which refuses to pass any bills to build decent homes. It just wrecked the mild measure for loans to build a few middle class homes.

The tenants of America are getting rooked by the landlords. The two old parties are doing nothing about it. The White House appointee, Housing Expediter Tighe Woods, is the landlords' darling. He has given them fat rent increases all over the land.

The Wall Street press gloats over the "housing boom."

Sure, there is a boom—if you can buy a house for \$10,000 to \$30,000. How many Americans are there who can pay prices like that?

While the-builders of guns, planes, and bombs (not to speak of coffins) are getting billions by simply whining about the "Red peril," America's housing scandal grows worse. The CIO figures that America now has—

- 8,000,000 homes unfit for human habitation.
- 4,500,000 homes badly in need of repairs.
- 16,000,000 families for whom new homes must be built.

Mayor O'Dwyer admitted last year that New York City needs at least 300,000 new housing units now. 800,000 people in New York need decent housing that they can't find.

## Harlem Fires

WE DON'T SEE the Big Brass like Eisenhower worrying over criminal tragedies like the Harlem fires which are breaking out once a week.

One hundred twenty families were driven out of their tenements by fire two days ago. More than 75 men, women and children still have no place to live since that fire. Mayor O'Dwyer is too busy to see them.

Harlem's tenements are a gold mine to the landlords, among whom are some of New York's biggest banks and universities.

Harlem's slums are ridden with violations of the safety laws. But who cares? The two old parties are careful not to interfere with the super-profits of these artificially enforced ghettos. "White supremacy" pays handsome profits.

The Harlem fires not only light up the ghastly living conditions imposed on the Negro people of our City; they also light up the lurid Jimcrow system which prevents the Negro tenants from escaping the old slums by moving to newer neighborhoods.

## Cracking Jimcrow Walls

THERE ARE PEOPLE who feel different from City Hall about the homeless Negro families.

We hereby notify the FBI and Sen. Joseph McCarthy that 30 white families in the Stuyvesant Housing Project (kept lily-white by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.) have invited some of the burned-out Negro families to stay with them. These whites are obviously "pro-Communist" or have what McCarthy calls "an unusual affinity for Communist causes."

The Negro people are not going to sit quietly in their Jimcrow prison-ghettos to await devastating fires. They are fighting for better homes in Harlem; they are fighting for the right to live in any neighborhood they choose. The Jimcrow ghetto walls must be thrown down.

The Tenants Council, Rep. Marcantonio, the ALP and the Communist Party are fighting to crack the Jimcrow walls. Harlem's fires add urgency to this peoples' battle.

## SOVIET CHILDREN GREET AFRICAN PEACE DELEGATES



Moscow children pose for their pictures during an interview with two African peace delegates. The two, Antoine Darlan (center, front row) and Marmaduke Kinate, were among the international group that addressed the Soviet parliament. Americans in the delegation brought the picture home.

## Progressive Party's Plank on Peace

By Gil Green  
Chairman, Illinois Communist Party

THE RECENT Progressive Party convention which took place in Chicago was certainly an important event in American political life. Defying all the reactionary wisecracks who had prophesized its demise, the Progressive Party made plain that it was here to

stay and that the third party movement had a bright future ahead of it.

Considerable maturity was displayed by the convention in its ability to maintain the unity of many diverse political forces making up its ranks around a single common program of action for peace and progress. This program coming at this time when millions of people are becoming more and more disturbed at the course of events, particularly at the bi-partisan war program of Wall Street, is an important instrument to unite these latent peace forces into a powerful and well-organized peace army in this country.

But while putting stress on the positive character of the convention and its adopted program of action, we cannot refrain from making some sharp critical comments about certain formulations contained in the Peace Plank as well as in respect to certain remarks made by the outstanding leader of the Progressive Party, Henry A. Wallace.

WE COMMUNISTS cannot go along with those who believe that the attempt of the convention to equate the responsibility for the cold war between the United States and the Soviet Union was either justified by the evidence or wise from the consideration of the interests of the fight for peace.

The convention said that "the United States and the Soviet Union have both made mistakes in foreign policy," and in this way mitigated the responsibility for the present world situation which lies solely and exclusively at the door-step of the Wall Street bipartisan war policy.

Nor can we go along with those who argue that this formulation is only of minor significance, or only so much window dressing which can be ignored.

No, it cannot be ignored. This is especially so because it is impossible to separate this rather mildly-worded criticism of Soviet foreign policy, from the much more sharply-worded and completely misguided reference of Henry Wallace to the Soviet Union as one of "the two big brutes of the world." This remark was not a chance or acci-

dental one. It was made in no less than the keynote address of the convention and represents a decided retreat on the part of Wallace from his statements of the past.

NEITHER is it possible to separate the wording of the Peace Plank from other erroneous and disturbing statements made by Wallace in this same address. For example, he told the convention that the PP must "not allow anyone the slightest legitimate reason" for believing that "any working member" of the PP "puts Rome, Moscow or London" ahead of the United States.

The words "legitimate" in the above context, can have only one meaning—that apparently some members of the PP do put one of these foreign capitals ahead of the United States.

Now, no one in the PP has ever been accused of being agents of Rome or London. But they have many times been accused—including Wallace himself—of being Moscow agents. Thus, even though we are certain that Wallace does not believe this, he has nonetheless inadvertently given expression to one of the most sinister and dangerous lies in American life—namely, that the Communists are Moscow agents and put Moscow ahead of their own country and people.

YES, IT IS TRUE that we Communists believe in the Soviet Union as the great land of Socialism, as the foremost example of a higher and more advanced social system than that of capitalism. Nor do we "apologize" for the Soviet Union for it needs no apologies. And our support for the Soviet Union is not because we love America less, but precisely because we love America more. Only friendship with

the Soviet Union can mean peace for America. Only socialism for America can mean an end to all wars, and peace, security, equality and democracy for all men.

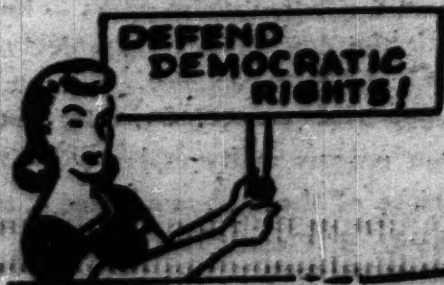
We do not expect Henry Wallace to believe in the Soviet system or in socialism. It is his right to believe in what he terms "progressive capitalism." But when he begins to insinuate that those who do believe in socialism are some kind of foreign agents, he is only giving grist to the mill of those who want war and fascism. And this is especially unfortunate because Wallace is an ardent believer in and fighter for peace and understanding with the Soviet Union.

How is Henry Wallace going to prevent anyone from having even the "slightest, legitimate reason" for red-baiting and Soviet-baiting either himself or the Progressive Party? Who is going to determine what is "legitimate"? Does not Mr. Wallace realize that only complete surrender to the war makers can give one absolution from the witchhunters? And not always then, as can be seen by the many progressives of an earlier vintage who have since soured into reactionaries, but who are still being red-baited, unforgiven for the political "wild-oats" of their youth.

WHAT HAPPENED at the Progressive Party Convention in an attempt to find some insurance against being red-baited cannot be condoned, for it represents not a step forward, but a step backward. Whether Wallace and the men associated with him are conscious of it or not, it represents a retreat in the face of the attack of the enemy.

We can certainly agree with those who want to make clear that the Progressive Party is not a Communist organization but a coalition of diverse political groups and individuals united on a common minimum program. But we cannot agree that the way to do this is by giving even one inch to the pressure of the reactionary war-mongers.

The way by which to make clear that this is not the time to retreat but to take the counter offensive against the war mongers, is by going out and building a great peace movement and a larger Progressive Party and third party movement.







### Let the Whole Country Witness

IT WAS three years ago, on March 28, 1947, when Eugene Dennis, secretary of the Communist Party, appeared at his own request before the Un-American Committee to testify against the Rankin-Sheppard Bill. He was prevented from speaking and ejected by the police from the hearing. This bill was a warning forerunner of Mundt-Nixon today. It proposed to prohibit Communists from running for office, to outlaw the Communist Party, under that or any other name, and declared "it shall be unlawful to convey the impression of sympathy with Communism or Communist ideology." Eugene Dennis dealt in his statement, which he was not allowed to present, with charges of "hidden Communists" and proposed that Congress pass a resolution giving equal protection to Communists in public and private employment. "I pledge that on the day that Congress adopts such a resolution every single member of my party will be more than happy and willing to publicly declare his Communist affiliation, of which he is so proud."

He dealt in a forthright manner with the fake charges of "foreign agent," "force and violence," and "conspiracy," and in conclusion said: "There is an object lesson in this hearing today. The sponsors of anti-labor and anti-Communist bills are attacking the foundations of the Constitution. Labor, the Communists and other progressives are defending it. Let the whole country witness this fact." Today the un-American termites are still at the job of establishing a fascist police state. Eugene Dennis goes to prison for opposing them.

THE UN-AMERICAN COMMITTEE was out for blood after its first encounter with Eugene Dennis. After ejecting him the committee subpoenaed him to appear on April 9, 1947. He refused to attend, and, in an historical letter, which was an indictment of this disgraceful committee, he stated: "I wish to make it clear that I have no intentions thereby to ignore the authorities of any lawful congressional body." But he challenged the authority of this witch-hunting committee as a star chamber body, illegally usurping the functions of a grand jury, a criminal court and a jury.

He charged them with exercising a blacklist of all persons of opposing political views, interfering in trade union affairs, and of illegally using police powers of arrest, search and seizure, etc. He further challenged the authority of this committee because of the presence of John E. Rankin as one of its members, as not a duly elected member of Congress, holding a seat in violation of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution since 550,000 Negro citizens were forcibly, by threats and use of violence, kept away from the polls in Mississippi.

When Eugene Dennis was led away in handcuffs he passed by two Negro jurors standing silently to one side. The woman began to cry softly as he passed. What more need be said of "justice" as administered in Jimcrow Washington, D. C.?

On July 8, 1947, Eugene Dennis was sentenced to one year in prison and a fine of \$1,000. He was released on \$10,000 bail. Judge Pine made an offer of suspended sentence if he would go before the committee and "purge himself of contempt." This he refused to do. He restated his position and protested against the restriction of the real issues before the jury. "My liberty as an individual is, of course, dear to me. But more precious is the liberty of the whole American people."

The High Court did not deal with the Dennis case. It dealt with one legal issue only. By so doing it has given the witch-hunting Un-American Committee the green light to harass millions of Americans now. If there are any who have illusions that the Supreme Court will automatically deal with all the important issues raised at Foley Square, let this be a warning. Dennis will go to prison—probably not to the clean and modern one where ex-Congressman Thomas, then chairman of the committee, now a convicted thief, is comfortably sitting it out. But unless there is a tremendous mass movement of Americans in this zero hour to defend the Bill of Rights, he will not be alone. He performed an outstanding public service and his stature will grow before the American people while his enemies become pignies. We Communists salute Eugene Dennis in great pride and affection and vow our determination to secure his freedom.

### More Mundt Bill Protests

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The American Labor Party of Kings County yesterday demanded that both Democratic Sen. Herbert H. Lehman and Republican Sen. Irving M. Ives speak out against the Mundt bill.

A general membership meeting of Cafeteria Workers Local 302 Tuesday night condemned the bill. With a membership of more than 6,000, the local is one of the largest in the international.

### Void California Anti-Japanese Law

LOS ANGELES, March 27 (FP)—California's alien land law, which for 30 years has barred natives of Japan from owning property in this state, was declared unconstitutional in a precedent-making decision by a trial court judge here.

Slapping down contentions by state attorneys that the long-standing law should operate against the mother of five decorated war heroes, superior court Judge Thur-

mond Clarke declared: "I am satisfied that the alien land law is directed against persons of Japanese ancestry solely because of race. It is clear that state legislation which seeks to impair the constitutionally protected civil rights to acquire, own and enjoy real property violates the due process and equal protection clause of the 14th amendment to the U. S. Constitution."

## Quill Expels a Pace-Setter

There's nothing Mike Quill fears so much as a bus driver who puts in a full day on his job, especially a militant one. That's why he had to get rid of Maurice Forge, in one of the rawest frame-ups and expulsions ever pulled in any union.

The expulsion was railroaded through Quill's International Executive Board, though every officer and virtually every member of Forge's home local, Local 252 in Nassau County, signed state-

ments opposing the action.

The charges against Forge were mere window dressing designed to conceal Quill's abject fear of militant unionism, as the officers of Local 252 pointed out. The phony accusations of "dual unionism," trying to "destroy" the Transport Workers Union, circulating "false reports" were just plain poppycock.

### AIRLINE GAINS

Until Quill's purge of the TWU, a purge ordered by Mayor O'Dwyer, Forge was a vice-president of the union, in charge of organizing airlines. Under his leadership the airlines workers were organized and chalked up gains.

Forge, however, refused to knuckle under to Quill's red-baiting, and his policy of talking "militant" while settling for peanuts. When Forge left office, he went to work as a driver for the Bee bus line in Long Island.

While Forge was driving a bus and giving his off-time to fighting alongside his fellow workers, Local 252 chalked up gains still not matched in other locals where Quill calls the tune. The gains included wages, hours, employer-financed welfare and medical plans, longer vacations and anti-speedup guarantees.

### LOCAL'S STATEMENT

That's why, when the frame-up of Forge was instituted, the officers of Local 252 signed a statement which declared: "Obviously, President Quill wants to punish this little pace-setter and to make the members of Local 252 slow-down, because his brand of unionism is preventing workers in other locals from keeping up with the gains of Local 252."

And Forge also hit back, charging the frame-up was an attempt by Quill to cover up his own "fascism"—the dissatisfaction of airlines workers with such agreements as the recent no-raise set-

Parker on the stand for more than an hour. Two other witnesses were put off until tomorrow. They are Michael Straight, editor of the New Republic and chairman of the American Veterans Committee, and Leonard Nikolovic, a Washington, D. C., attorney and AVC counsel.

Scheduled to testify at the same time is Dr. Harrop Freeman, Cornell University law professor, and speaking for the Friends' Committee on National Legislation.

## Rev. Parker

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right of trial by jury by placing the power to judge guilt in the hands of a three-man subversive activities commission.

"Our organization has been declared 'subversive' by Attorney General Tom Clark, and no other authority," Rev. Parker exclaimed "that doesn't make us subversive. And I don't consider ourselves subversives just because he says so."

### FLAYS PERSECUTION

He maintained that organizations by registering under the bill "will acknowledge their guilt of the crimes listed in the bill." If so-called subversive organizations do not register, he said, they will be prosecuted for non-registration.

Even if organizations do register, Rev. Parker continued, they will face prosecution under numerous espionage, sabotage and terrorism statutes, and prosecution under the Mundt-Nixon measure itself.

Rev. Parker told the committee that Sen. Karl Mundt (R-SD) said passage of his bill and the compilation of a nationwide blacklist under its registration provisions would make it easier for private industry to fire its employees.

The broad definitions of "Communist front organizations" would undoubtedly bring millions of people under such a blacklist, Rev. Parker added.

Chairman John Wood (D-Ga) defended the bill copied by Rep. Richard Nixon (R-Cal) from the Senate version sponsored by Mundt. "This legislation doesn't seek to establish guilt by association," Wood told the Chicago CRC official.

### CITES FACTS

Rev. Parker asked, "If it judges organizations, doesn't it affect its members?" Woods had to admit that it did, but said the organizations were given an opportunity to "purge themselves."

"Yes, by going before a three-way subversive activities board appointed by the President," Parker replied. "And the President, himself, with all due respect to his position, is after all a man, with all the prejudices of men."

Committee members kept Rev.

## What's On?

### Tomorrow Manhattan

THREE CHAPLIN comedy classics, Friday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. "The Circus," "Trille's Punctured Romance" with Marie Dressler, "The Kid" with Jackie Coogan. Introductory remarks by David Platt. Bar, refreshments. Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41 St., two blocks Times Square. \$1.00 tax included. Sponsors: Midtown Film Circle.

HANGING ON UNION SQUARE and Canton Rickshaw. Two plays by H. T. Tsaiang featuring the author and Elizabeth Ross, will be presented Friday, March 31, 8:45 p.m. at Tompkins Square YPA, 95 Avenue B (cor. 6th St., top floor). Dancing and refreshments following the performance. Contribution 75c.

### Tomorrow Bronx

SKETCH CLASS every Friday, 7-10 p.m. Live models. Creative Arts Studio, 795 E. 161st St. Ceramics, painting — Tuesday, Thursday.

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tlement of the American Airlines strike; similar actions in a number of bus strikes on other lines, the year-long failure to achieve the 40-hour week.

Quill's hatchet method, however, is a clear sign of weakness, as rank-and-file leaders point out. His circus demagoguery is no longer fooling the workers. They want action on their demands and an end to a situation which finds New York transit workers with the worst conditions in the country.

### Czech Priests Urged To Ignore Vatican

PRAGUE, March 29. — Father Joseph Plojhar, Czech Minister of Health, in a speech at Liberec, declared:

"If the bishops want to solve the question of cooperation between the church and state, they must not follow the directives of the Vatican, which is working for the dollar imperialists, and tries to overthrow the political order in the Peoples' Democracies."

"Agreement would be possible if the high hierarchy would listen to patriotic priests and the faithful working people instead of the Vatican."

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## Defense Against Landlords

GENERAL EISENHOWER is deeply concerned.

It seems the General (who made a quick million dollars out of his war book) feels that the THIRTEEN BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR he approved for GUNS and BOMBS is tantamount to disarming the U. S. A.

Do you know how many HOMES this thirteen billion bucks now going to the munition makers could build for the common people of America? About 1,500,000 beautiful new homes!

The Big Brass panhandling for bigger and bigger pork barrels cynically labeled "defense." The feeling is that Congress will quickly approve more billions for GUNS, BOMBS, and DEATH. But this is the same Congress which refuses to pass any bills to build decent homes. It just wrecked the mild measure for loans to build a few middle class homes.

The tenants of America are getting rooked by the landlords. The two old parties are doing nothing about it. The White House appointee, Housing Expediter Tighe Woods, is the landlords' darling. He has given them fat rent increases all over the land.

The Wall Street press gloats over the "housing boom."

Sure, there is a boom—if you can buy a house for \$10,000 to \$30,000. How many Americans are there who can pay prices like that?

While the builders of guns, planes, and bombs (not to speak of coffins) are getting billions by simply whining about the "Red peril," America's housing scandal grows worse. The CIO figures that America now has—

- 8,000,000 homes unfit for human habitation.
- 4,500,000 homes badly in need of repairs.
- 16,000,000 families for whom new homes must be built.

Mayor O'Dwyer admitted last year that New York City needs at least 300,000 new housing units now. 800,000 people in New York need decent housing that they can't find.

## Harlem Fires

WE DON'T SEE the Big Brass like Eisenhower worrying over criminal tragedies like the Harlem fires which are breaking out once a week.

One hundred twenty families were driven out of their tenements by fire two days ago. More than 75 men, women and children still have no place to live since that fire. Mayor O'Dwyer is too busy to see them.

Harlem's tenements are a gold mine to the landlords, among whom are some of New York's biggest banks and universities.

Harlem's slums are ridden with violations of the safety laws. But who cares? The two old parties are careful not to interfere with the super-profits of these artificially enforced ghettos. "White supremacy" pays handsome profits.

The Harlem fires not only light up the ghastly living conditions imposed on the Negro people of our City; they also light up the lurid Jimcrow system which prevents the Negro tenants from escaping the old slums by moving to newer neighborhoods.

## Cracking Jimcrow Walls

THERE ARE PEOPLE who feel different from City Hall about the homeless Negro families.

We hereby notify the FBI and Sen. Joseph McCarthy that 30 white families in the Stuyvesant Housing Project (kept lily-white by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.) have invited some of the burned-out Negro families to stay with them. These whites are obviously "pro-Communist" or have what McCarthy calls "an unusual affinity for Communist causes."

The Negro people are not going to sit quietly in their Jimcrow prison-ghettos to await devastating fires. They are fighting for better homes in Harlem; they are fighting for the right to live in any neighborhood they choose. The Jimcrow ghetto walls must be thrown down.

The Tenants Council, Rep. Marcantonio, the ALP and the Communist Party are fighting to crack the Jimcrow walls. Harlem's fires add urgency to this peoples battle.

## SOVIET CHILDREN GREET AFRICAN PEACE DELEGATES



Moscow children pose for their pictures during an interview with two African peace delegates. The two, Antoine Darlan (center, front row) and Marmaduke Kinate, were among the international group that addressed the Soviet parliament. Americans in the delegation brought the picture home.

## Progressive Party's Plank on Peace

By Gil Green  
Chairman, Illinois Communist Party

THE RECENT Progressive Party convention which took place in Chicago was certainly an important event in American political life. Defying all the reactionary wisecracks who had prophesized its demise, the Progressive Party made plain that it was here to stay and that the third party movement had a bright future ahead of it.

Considerable maturity was displayed by the convention in its ability to maintain the unity of many diverse political forces making up its ranks around a single common program of action for peace and progress. This program coming at this time when millions of people are becoming more and more disturbed at the course of events, particularly at the bi-partisan war program of Wall Street, is an important instrument to unite these latent peace forces into a powerful and well-organized peace army in this country.

But while putting stress on the positive character of the convention and its adopted program of action, we cannot refrain from making some sharp critical comments about certain formulations contained in the Peace Plank as well as in respect to certain remarks made by the outstanding leader of the Progressive Party, Henry A. Wallace.

WE COMMUNISTS cannot go along with those who believe that the attempt of the convention to equate the responsibility for the cold war between the United States and the Soviet Union was either justified by the evidence or wise from the consideration of the interests of the fight for peace.

The convention said that "the United States and the Soviet Union have both made mistakes in foreign policy," and in this way mitigated the responsibility for the present world situation which lies solely and exclusively at the door-step of the Wall Street bipartisan war policy.

Nor can we go along with those who argue that this formulation is only of minor significance, or only so much window dressing which can be ignored.

No, it cannot be ignored. This is especially so because it is impossible to separate this rather mildly-worded criticism of Soviet foreign policy, from the much more sharply-worded and completely misguided reference of Henry Wallace to the Soviet Union as one of "the two big brutes of the world." This remark was not a chance or ac-

cidental one. It was made in no less than the keynote address of the convention and represents a decided retreat on the part of Wallace from his statements of the past.

NEITHER is it possible to separate the wording of the Peace Plank from other erroneous and disturbing statements made by Wallace in this same address. For example, he told the convention that the PP must "not allow anyone the slightest legitimate reason" for believing that "any working member" of the PP "puts Rome, Moscow or London" ahead of the United States.

The word "legitimate" in the above context, can have only one meaning—that apparently some members of the PP do put one of these foreign capitals ahead of the United States.

Now, no one in the PP has ever been accused of being agents of Rome or London. But they have many times been accused—including Wallace himself—of being Moscow agents. Thus, even though we are certain that Wallace does not believe this, he has nonetheless inadvertently given expression to one of the most sinister and dangerous lies in American life—namely, that the Communists are Moscow agents and put Moscow ahead of their own country and people.

YES, IT IS TRUE that we Communists believe in the Soviet Union as the great land of Socialism, as the foremost example of a higher and more advanced social system than that of capitalism. Nor do we "apologize" for the Soviet Union for it needs no apologies. And our support for the Soviet Union is not because we love America less, but precisely because we love America more. Only friendship with

the Soviet Union can mean peace for America. Only socialism for America can mean an end to all wars, and peace, security, equality and democracy for all men.

We do not expect Henry Wallace to believe in the Soviet system or in socialism. It is his right to believe in what he terms "progressive capitalism." But when he begins to insinuate that those who do believe in socialism are some kind of foreign agents, he is only giving grist to the mill of those who want war and fascism. And this is especially unfortunate because Wallace is an ardent believer in and fighter for peace and understanding with the Soviet Union.

How is Henry Wallace going to prevent anyone from having even the "slightest, legitimate reason" for red-baiting and Soviet-baiting either himself or the Progressive Party? Who is going to determine what is "legitimate"? Does not Mr. Wallace realize that only complete surrender to the war makers can give one absolution from the witchhunters? And not always then, as can be seen by the many progressives of an earlier vintage who have since soured into reactionaries, but who are still being red-baited, unforgiven for the political "wild-oats" of their youth.

WHAT HAPPENED at the Progressive Party Convention in an attempt to find some insurance against being red-baited cannot be condoned, for it represents not a step forward, but a step backward. Whether Wallace and the men associated with him are conscious of it or not, it represents a retreat in the face of the attack of the enemy.

We can certainly agree with those who want to make clear that the Progressive Party is not a Communist organization but a coalition of diverse political groups and individuals united on a common minimum program. But we cannot agree that the way to do this is by giving even one inch to the pressure of the reactionary war-mongers.

The way by which to make clear that this is not the time to retreat but to take the counter offensive against the war mongers, is by going out and building a great peace movement and a larger Progressive Party and third party movement.







### Let the Whole Country Witness

IT WAS three years ago, on March 26, 1947, when Eugene Dennis, secretary of the Communist Party, appeared at his own request before the Un-American Committee to testify against the Rankin-Sheppard Bill. He was prevented from speaking and ejected by the police from the hearing. This bill was a warning forerunner of Mundt-Nixon today. It proposed to prohibit Communists from running for office, to outlaw the Communist Party, under that or any other name, and declared "it shall be unlawful to convey the impression of sympathy with Communism or Communist ideology." Eugene Dennis dealt in his statement, which he was not allowed to present, with charges of "hidden Communists" and proposed that Congress pass a resolution giving equal protection to Communists in public and private employment. "I pledge that on the day that Congress adopts such a resolution every single member of my party will be more than happy and willing to publicly declare his Communist affiliation, of which he is so proud."

He dealt in a forthright manner with the fake charges of "foreign agent," "force and violence," and "conspiracy," and in conclusion said: "There is an object lesson in this hearing today. The sponsors of anti-labor and anti-Communist bills are attacking the foundations of the Constitution. Labor, the Communists and other progressives are defending it. Let the whole country witness this fact." Today the un-American termites are still at the job of establishing a fascist police state. Eugene Dennis goes to prison for opposing them.

THE UN-AMERICAN COMMITTEE was out for blood after its first encounter with Eugene Dennis. After ejecting him the committee subpoenaed him to appear on April 9, 1947. He refused to attend, and, in an historical letter, which was an indictment of this disgraceful committee, he stated: "I wish to make it clear that I have no intentions thereby to ignore the authorities of any lawful congressional body." But he challenged the authority of this witch-hunting committee as a star chamber body, illegally usurping the functions of a grand jury, a criminal court and a jury.

He charged them with exercising a blacklist of all persons of opposing political views, interfering in trade union affairs, and of illegally using police powers of arrest, search and seizure, etc. He further challenged the authority of this committee because of the presence of John E. Rankin as one of its members, as not a duly elected member of Congress, holding a seat in violation of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution since 550,000 Negro citizens were forcibly, by threats and use of violence, kept away from the polls in Mississippi.

When Eugene Dennis was led away in handcuffs he passed by two Negro jurors standing silently to one side. The woman began to cry softly as he passed. What more need be said of "justice" as administered in Jimcrow Washington, D. C.?

On July 8, 1947, Eugene Dennis was sentenced to one year in prison and a fine of \$1,000. He was released on \$10,000 bail. Judge Pine made an offer of suspended sentence if he would go before the committee and "purge himself of contempt." This he refused to do. He restated his position and protested against the restriction of the real issues before the jury. "My liberty as an individual is, of course, dear to me. But more precious is the liberty of the whole American people."

The High Court did not deal with the Dennis case. It dealt with one legal issue only. By so doing it has given the witch-hunting Un-American Committee the green light to harass millions of Americans now. If there are any who have illusions that the Supreme Court will automatically deal with all the important issues raised at Foley Square, let this be a warning. Dennis will go to prison—probably not to the clean and modern one where ex-Congressman Thomas, then chairman of the committee, now a convicted thief, is comfortably sitting it out. But unless there is a tremendous mass movement of Americans in this zero hour to defend the Bill of Rights, he will not be alone. He performed an outstanding public service and his stature will grow before the American people while his enemies become pignies. We Communists salute Eugene Dennis in great pride and affection and vow our determination to secure his freedom.

## KENTUCKY TO CUT FUNDS TO NEEDY AS RELIEF ROLLS RISE

FRANKFORT, March 28 (FP).—The Department of Economic Security announced that state aid to 111,200 blind, needy and aged persons will be cut April 1, because of the increase in public assistance rolls.

Those affected include 61,000 persons over 65 who have been drawing an average of \$21.21 a month and 2,200 blind persons getting an average of \$22 a month. Their allotments will be cut one percent.

A two percent reduction is in store for 48,000 dependent children who have been paid an average of \$15.40 monthly. State officials said 18,000 children will be added to the rolls.

Security Commissioner Vego Barnes said further cuts in the allotment can be avoided "by requiring stepfathers to assume their obligations."

Latest statistics from Barnes' office show that one-third of the children are dependent on the state because of inability of their breadwinner to make a living. Another third are on the rolls because of the death of the head of the family.

The rest are dependent as a result of abandonment, divorce or illegitimacy. No stepfathers are listed in the statistics.

## Rev. Parker

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right of trial by jury by placing the power to judge guilt in the hands of a three-man subversive activities commission.

"Our organization has been declared 'subversive' by Attorney General Tom Clark, and no other authority," Rev. Parker exclaimed "that doesn't make us subversive. And I don't consider ourselves subversives just because he says so."

### FLAYS PERSECUTION

He maintained that organizations by registering under the bill "will acknowledge their guilt of the crimes listed in the bill." If so-called subversive organizations do not register, he said, they will be prosecuted for non-registration.

Even if organizations do register, Rev. Parker continued, they will face prosecution under numerous espionage, sabotage and terrorism statutes, and prosecution under the Mundt-Nixon measure itself.

Rev. Parker told the committee that Sen. Karl Mundt (R-SD) said passage of his bill and the compilation of a nationwide blacklist under its registration provisions would make it easier for private industry to fire its employees.

The broad definitions of "Communist front organizations" would undoubtedly bring millions of people under such a blacklist, Rev. Parker added.

Chairman John Wood (D-Ga) defended the bill copied by Rep. Richard Nixon (R-Cal) from the Senate version sponsored by Mundt. "This legislation doesn't seek to establish guilt by association," Wood told the Chicago CRC official.

### CITES FACTS

Rev. Parker asked, "If it judges organizations, doesn't it affect its members?" Woods had to admit that it did, but said the organizations were given an opportunity to "purge themselves."

"Yes, by going before a three-way subversive activities board appointed by the President," Parker replied. "And the President, himself, with all due respect to his position, is after all a man, with all the prejudices of men."

Committee members kept Rev. Parker on the stand for more than an hour. Two other witnesses were put off until tomorrow. They are Michael Straight, editor of the New Republic and chairman of the American Veterans Committee, and Leonard Nikolovic, a Washington, D. C., attorney and AVC counsel.

Scheduled to testify at the same time is Dr. Harrop Freeman, Cornell University law professor, and speaking for the Friends' Committee on National Legislation.

OF THINGS TO COME, a column by John Pittman, associate editor of The Worker, appears Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Daily Worker.

## What's On?

### Tomorrow Manhattan

THREE CHAPLIN comedy classics, Friday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. "The Circus," "Tillie's Punctured Romance" with Marie Dressler, "The Kid" with Jackie Coogan. Introductory remarks by David Platt. Bar, refreshments. Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41 St., two blocks Times Square. \$1.00 tax included. Sponsors: Midtown Film Circle.

HANGING ON UNION SQUARE and Canton Rickshaw. Two plays by H. T. Tsiang featuring the author and Elizabeth Best, will be presented Friday, March 31, 8:45 p.m., at Tompkins Square YPA, 65 Avenue B (cor. 6th St., top floor). Dancing and refreshments following the performance. Contribution 75c.

### Tomorrow Bronx

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## More Mundt Bill Protests

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The American Labor Party of Kings County yesterday demanded that both Democratic Sen. Herbert H. Lehman and Republican Sen. Irving M. Ives speak out against the Mundt bill.

Signed by executive secretary Paul Trilling, a letter from the Brooklyn ALP also demanded that the New York Senators take a leading role in a fight to defeat the Mundt measure. The bill was called a "blueprint for fascism."

A general membership meeting of Cafeteria Workers Local 302 Tuesday night condemned the bill. With a membership of more than 6,000, the local is one of the largest in the international.

### MONTANA . . .

BUTTE, Montana, March 29. — An active campaign against the Mundt bill is being waged in this Rocky Mountain state by many labor and farm groups.

Among the many organizations that have taken action on this bill are the Great Falls Building and Construction Trades Council, Local 16 of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Cascades County Trades and Labor Assembly and Carpenters Local 286.

The second convention of the Montana Progressive Party also mapped a campaign against the measure when it met on March 18-19. The current issues of the Montana Labor News and the People's Voice both carried editorials denouncing the bill.

### PENNSYLVANIA . . .

PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—The executive board of the Philadelphia Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions has called for the defeat of the Mundt-Ferguson Bill.

## Void California Anti-Japanese Land Law

LOS ANGELES, March 27 (FP).—California's alien land law, which for 30 years has barred natives of Japan from owning property in this state, was declared unconstitutional in a precedent-making decision by a trial court judge here.

Slapping down contentions by state attorneys that the long-standing law should operate against the mother of five decorated war heroes, superior court judge Thurmond Clarke declared:

"I am satisfied that the alien land law is directed against persons of Japanese ancestry solely because of race. It is clear that state legislation which seeks to impair the constitutionally protected civil rights to acquire, own and enjoy real property violates the due process and equal protection clause of the 14th amendment to the U. S. Constitution."

Mother of the five war heroes and plaintiff in the test case was Mrs. Hanuye Masaoaka, 62, who

sought legal title to a Pasadena lot deeded to her by her six sons. Five served in World War II in the 442nd infantry regiment. One was killed, another totally disabled, a third partially disabled and all five were decorated.

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## Stuyvesant

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and Anna Pullman, local tenant leaders.

With the removal of this group from the Harlem tenant headquarters, an additional 15 families were due to move in to take their places last night. On Tuesday some 15 families spent the night at headquarters. During the night a doctor had to be called, as happened on Monday, to aid an ailing child. WIN 7 APTS.

More than 200 tenants, including some victims of the fire, descended on the New York Housing Authority offices and got a promise of seven apartments. Others at the Authority offices were organized tenants from all over the city. Families assigned to these apartments were asked to appear at Eastchester, Fort Greene, Williamsburg and Queensbridge housing projects.

The Welfare Department has to date refused to grant furniture, rent and food to the five victims, who lost everything in the tragedy. The Housing Authority said it would accept a pledge of rent from Welfare. But Welfare Commissioner Raymond Hilliard refused last night to make any promises.

Prescriptions ordered by a local Harlem doctor Monday night had not yet been delivered by the Welfare Department late yesterday.

Paul L. Ross, chairman of the Town and Village Tenants' Committee to End Discrimination in Stuyvesant Town, said yesterday that more than 30 homes in the project were available to the victims for the next few days, until suitable permanent housing is found.

### SHOCKING REMINDER

"This fire," he said, "is a shocking and horrifying reminder of what it means to live in slum fire-traps in a Harlem ghetto. I know that the Stuyvesant Town tenants who have offered their assistance in this emergency feel deeply the need to be of help since there is a direct relationship between this tragedy and the tenants' campaign to extend decent housing to all citizens on an equal basis."

Many families unable to extend lodgings contributed funds for food.

Among the Stuyvesant Town tenants on hand to greet the Negro homeless was Mrs. Hardine Hendrix, Negro, who has been living with her husband and young son for the past eight months as the guest in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lee Lorch. Prior to that, the Hendrixes were the guests of the Kesslers.

"This is a wonderful action," she declared. "When Negro families are struck by fire they find it hardest to find homes. The invitation is part of the struggle to open this project to all people."

### PROVIDE FOOD

As soon as the Negro guests arrived in the Kessler home, food was provided. The children flocked to the Kessler's child's playroom and played with the toys.

Mrs. Allie Richardson, whose family of nine children, including Brenda, four months old, kept saying, "We like it fine here, we like it fine. The children kept singing in the car all the way down from Harlem."

One of the children spoke up. "We're happy to be here and we don't ever want to see that street again with the burned up houses." Joseph Powell, whose five children have been "scattered around with friends," declared, "This is very

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nice, wonderful. Extending a hand to us is appreciated. It is an important and serious thing."

Mrs. Louise Abrams, whose two children are still in Harlem Hospital on the critical list as a result of sickness developing from the tragedy, declared, "It is so nice of the tenants here to think of us. It was nice to stay at the Harlem tenant headquarters, but it is nicer here. I hope we can all be friends."

In a wire to Hilliard, Ewart G. Guinier, treasurer of the New York County ALP, demanded that the Department end "jimmie" agreement with Rockaway landlords in order to make available to these families accommodations which your Department can secure there."

## China

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nestling among the foothills of the Himalayas. It is the capital of Sikang province, where Kuomintang troops under Gen. Hu Tsung-nan fled after the evacuation of Chengtu, in Szechuan province, last December.

The agency said Hu, who directed guerrilla operations from Sikang, fled to Hainan Island by plane when the city fell Monday.

LONDON, March 29. — The Chinese People's Republic and the Soviet Union agreed Monday to establish joint stock companies for the development of oil and non-ferrous metals in the northwestern China province of Sinkiang, Radio Moscow said today.

The broadcast said a 30-year agreement was signed in Moscow by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky and Chinese Ambassador Wang Chi-riang.

Two companies will be set up: an oil company to prospect, produce and refine oil and gas, and a metal company to prospect, and produce non-ferrous metals, Moscow said.

Capital, control and profits will be divided equally. The companies will be managed alternately by the contracting parties, with Chinese chairmen and Soviet vice-chairmen for the first three years of the agreement, according to the broadcast.

The agreement, Moscow said, is for the purpose of "fostering the development of Chinese national industry and strengthening the economic cooperation between the USSR and the Chinese Peoples' Republic."



## Curran Aides

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ing Port Agent John T. Hunt, appointed by Curran, charged another appointee, Ignazio Diaz, with granting shipping extensions for a fee.

Diaz, in turn, hit back by claiming to union members that Hunt knew about the practice and was in on it.

Under NMU rules a member is permitted only a limited time ashore, after which he loses his shipping rights in the hiring hall. Extensions may be granted if a member proves that the delay was unavoidable and beyond his control.

Diaz, Hunt declared, was taking money from members to grant extensions. A trial committee on the charges was due to convene Friday.

Hunt was recently found guilty in a magistrate's court on disorderly conduct charges, growing out of an attack by Curran goons on a rank-and-file meeting.

Hunt was recognized as a leader of the attack. He was handed a six-month sentence and \$50 fine, but Magistrate Abner B. Surplus suspended sentence.

The third Curranite picked up by police for selling NMU books at a handy price was Faust Portela. Portela was held on \$20,000 bail as the third member of the ring.

The other two Curranites were Herbert DeJesus, former patrolman, and Frank DiMartini, former night dispatcher. DeJesus is out on \$25,000 bail, while DiMartini was refused bail because of his long criminal record.

### BACKED CURRAN

Like DeJesus, the latest man picked up had pledged fulsome support to Curran in a message printed in the Pilot, NMU paper, only a few days before his arrest. Neal Hanley, NMU secretary, had a letter from Portela published in the Pilot of March 23, in which Portela asserted himself as a "supporter of Brother Joe Curran."

Curran, while not mentioning any of the charges of corruption, told a press conference that he would rely on congressional amendments to the Taft-Hartley law to legalize the hiring hall.

Rank and file leaders declared the only guarantee for keeping the hiring hall was the mobilization of all maritime union members for strike action. They pointed out that even in the unlikely event that amendments could be pushed through this Congress, it could take so long that the shipowners might be able to destroy the hiring hall.

The only answer, they declared, was to show the shipowners that the seamen would resort to militant action if the companies tried hiring off the dock.

## Johannes Steel

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city administration despite the government's obvious lack of sympathy with the peace movement. The reason for this impressive reception given the Peace delegates in Western Europe was the deep, strong and stubborn demand for peace that cuts through all European politics and has embraced millions of people.

### CUTS PARTY LINES

This peace movement, Steel stressed, is non-political in that it cuts across party lines, religious lines and other divisions among people.

"This peace movement is neither pro nor anti-Communist," Steel reported. "It can be called political only if peace is politics."

The struggle on western Europe's docks, he said, was a focal point in the anti-war fight. Proof of the failure of the French Government to stop this movement was its introduction of the notorious laws passed last week giving jurisdiction over the strike movement to the military. Hundreds of trials are now under way in France, but these have been totally unable to crack the movement.

Moscow, revisited after a three-year absence, was a remarkably changed city, Steel said.

### DESCRIBES MOSCOW

"There is a tremendous improvement in the outward appearance of Moscow," he said. "Thousands of trees have been planted to line the streets, there are many, many new houses, although the shortage is still severe. It remains one of the world's cleanest cities and, since I was there three years ago, they have equipped the city completely with mechanical snow-removal equipment and by 9 a.m. the streets have been cleared of snow."

The peace delegation got a great reception in Moscow and the Soviet press gave tremendous coverage to the speech of U. S. delegate O. John Rogge and his exchange with David Zaslavsky, editor of Pravda.

"They tried to acquaint the Soviet people with the views of Americans, which were the same as theirs," Steel reported. "You might say that Jefferson is not subversive in the Soviet Union."

About 200 Soviet Deputies were present when the peace delegates

were received by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Another decisive fact about the peace movement stressed by Steel was the support it enlisted among the artists and intellectuals of Europe.

"All the talent and genius and true intellect is represented in this peace movement. All the creative artists, writers, musicians are in this movement."

"They have in a way become the conscience of the world."

The World Peace Congress set itself the goal of 100,000,000 signatures on a peace petition asking the nations to pledge not to use the atom bomb first. Steel said he thought that this goal would be achieved. Of the total, it was hoped that 25,000,000 signatures would come from the U.S.

## Negro Leaders

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FEPC bill, is being quietly stabbed in the back.

"Despite all declarations to the contrary about what constitutes Americanism, we know full well that the political and economic disfranchisement of 15 million colored citizens in this country—America's major sacrificial offering to the Un-American concept of white supremacy—is the only genuine barometer of our sincerity in practicing the democratic precepts which we declare so loudly."

"That is why we, representatives of many groups and organizations among colored citizens of this country, demand that Sen. Lucas call up the Administration-sponsored compulsory FEPC bill in the Senate now."

"We demand that this legislation and the anti-poll and anti-lunching bills be made the order of the day. We urge all citizens who believe in practicing democracy, who are concerned about keeping peace in our country and in the world, to demand of their senators that these measures be passed in this session of Congress."

"Only the democratic guarantees contained in the civil rights program can strengthen our beliefs in working unstintingly for a peaceful solution of the domestic problems that face us, enabling us to join all peoples in the world today who want peace, security and freedom as their rightful expectation for the happy life."

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WJLA-Sing Crosby Show  
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10:15-Maria Deane Program  
WJLA-Artist's Notebook  
10:30-WJLA-Masterwork Hour  
WJLA-Safety Council Convention  
10:45-WJLA-Dorothy Dix  
WJLA-Victor M. Lindahl  
11:00-WJLA-We Love and Learn  
WJLA-News  
WJLA-Modern Romance  
WJLA-News: Alma Detlinger  
11:15-WJLA-Dave Carvey Show  
WJLA-Rudy Valley Show  
11:30-WJLA-Jack Soren  
WJLA-Quiz Program  
WJLA-Closed Sign  
WJLA-Violin Personalities  
11:45-WJLA-David Harlan  
WJLA-Rosemary

### AFTERNOON

12:30-WJLA-News Roundup  
WJLA-Kate Smith Special  
WJLA-Ladies Be Graced  
WJLA-Wendy Warren-Sketch  
WJLA-News: Luncheon Concert  
12:45-WJLA-Aunt Jenny's Stories  
WJLA-Rod Henderson  
WJLA-Norman Brokenshire  
12:55-WJLA-Carol Douglas, Beauty  
1:00-WJLA-News  
WJLA-Helen Trent  
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1:15-WJLA-Luncheon at Sardi's  
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1:30-WJLA-Mary Margaret McBride  
WJLA-News  
WJLA-Chamber Music  
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WJLA-News: Midday Symphony  
1:45-WJLA-Nancy Craig  
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1:55-WJLA-Young Dr. Malone  
WJLA-Hollywood Theatre  
2:00-WJLA-The Guiding Light  
2:15-WJLA-Double or Nothing  
WJLA-Welcome to Hollywood  
WJLA-Ladies Fair  
WJLA-Second Mrs. Burton  
WJLA-Record Review  
WJLA-Last We Forget  
2:30-WJLA-Perry Mason  
WJLA-High School Forum  
2:45-WJLA-Today's Children  
WJLA-Queen for a Day  
WJLA-Hannibal Cobb  
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2:55-WJLA-Light of the World  
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3:00-WJLA-Lite Can Be Beautiful  
WJLA-Bride and Groom  
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WJLA-News: Sketch  
WJLA-News: Symphonic Matinee  
3:15-WJLA-Road of Life  
WJLA-Hitop House  
3:30-WJLA-Pepper Young  
WJLA-Answer Man  
WJLA-House Party  
WJLA-Pick a Date: Buddy Rogers  
3:45-WJLA-Right to Happiness  
4:00-WJLA-Backstage Wife  
WJLA-Barbara Welles  
WJLA-Garry Moore Show  
WJLA-Surprise Package  
WJLA-Theatre Music  
WJLA-Record Album  
4:15-WJLA-Sheila Dallas  
4:30-WJLA-Happy Landing  
WJLA-Dan Cameron Show  
WJLA-Lorenz Jones  
4:45-WJLA-Young Wilder Brown  
WJLA-Pat Barnes  
5:00-WJLA-Green Hornet  
WJLA-When A Girl Marries  
WJLA-Galen Drake  
WJLA-Strath Arrow-Sketch  
WJLA-Sunset Serenade  
WJLA-Keyboards Artists  
5:15-WJLA-Portia Faces Life  
5:30-WJLA-Harmonica Man  
WJLA-Jack Armstrong  
WJLA-Just Plain Bill  
WJLA-Hits and Misses  
WJLA-Cocktail Time  
5:45-WJLA-Pratt Page Parrot  
WJLA-Tele Kid Test, Quiz

### RADIO HIGHLIGHTS Thursday, March 30

PM  
9:00-Screen Guild Theatre.  
WNBC.  
9:30-Duffy's Tavern. WNBC.  
10:00-Author Meets the Critics.  
TV  
9:00-Morey Amsterdam show.  
WABD.

### EVENING

8:00-WJLA-Kenneth Bingham, News  
WJLA-Joe Simon  
WJLA-Guest Star  
WJLA-Eric Starved, News  
WJLA-News: Dance Theatre  
8:15-WJLA-Sports  
WJLA-Sun Show, Interview  
WJLA-Art Baker's Notebook  
WJLA-Hero's to Vote  
8:30-WJLA-Henry Morgan  
WJLA-News: Reports  
WJLA-Curt Massey  
WJLA-Veteran's News  
WJLA-Herb Sheldon Show  
WJLA-Dinner Concert  
8:45-WJLA-Three Star Extra  
WJLA-Lowell Thomas  
WJLA-Weather: City News  
WJLA-Sun Show  
7:00-WJLA-Frank Sinatra  
WJLA-Pullen Lewis, Jr., Comment  
WJLA-Edwin C. Hill, News  
WJLA-Masterwork Hour  
WJLA-News: On Stage  
7:15-WJLA-Headline Edition  
7:30-WJLA-Jack Smith, Variety  
WJLA-Answer Man  
WJLA-Elmer Davis, News  
7:45-WJLA-Serenade to America  
WJLA-David Harding, Sketch  
WJLA-Club 15-Variety  
WJLA-Gabriel Beatter  
WJLA-Classical Concert  
7:55-WJLA-Bill Lang  
WJLA-Edward Murrow  
8:00-WJLA-The Aldrich Family  
WJLA-Cisco Kid  
WJLA-Headline-Comey  
WJLA-Your FBI  
8:30-WJLA-Father Knows Best  
WJLA-A Date with Judy  
WJLA-Sports for All  
WJLA-Mr. Noon  
WJLA-Great Thomas  
WJLA-Symphony Hall  
8:45-WJLA-News: Bill Henry  
8:55-WJLA-Luncheon Show  
WJLA-Suspense: Play  
WJLA-Amateur Hour  
WJLA-Screen Guild Theatre  
WJLA-Concert Hall  
9:00-WJLA-Duffy's Tavern  
WJLA-Crime Photographer  
WJLA-Record Rarities  
WJLA-Play: The Wall  
10:00-WJLA-Supper Club  
WJLA-Author Meets Critics  
WJLA-Irvin Edwards  
WJLA-Playhouse  
WJLA-News: The Showcase  
10:15-WJLA-Calling All Detectives  
10:30-WJLA-Dragonet  
WJLA-The Symphonette  
WJLA-Murder and Music  
WJLA-Hollywood Theatre  
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### "The Young Guard" At Irving Place

Sergei Gerasimov's Young Guard, Soviet film based on the prize novel by Alexander Fadeyev, with music by Shostakovich, has opened a one-week engagement at the Irving Place Theatre.

Young Guard is the story of the Young Guard of Krasnodon, an underground youth organization whose exploits were famous throughout the Soviet Union during the war, and is based on eyewitness accounts of their activities as reported to Mr. Fadeyev.

## MOVIE GUIDE

- • Excellent • • Good
- • THE BICYCLE THIEF. Another fine film by Vittorio De Sica, the maker of Shoeshine. Manhattan-World Theatre.
- • LENIN. An hour-long documentary on the life of Lenin, with a group of interesting Soviet short subjects. Manhattan-Stanley.
- • OPEN CITY. A revival of Rossellini's best film, on the same bill with The Quiet One. Brooklyn-Astor.
- • THE TITAN. Worth seeing for its shots of Michael Angelo's sculpture. Manhattan-Little Carnegie.
- • TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND. What happens to an island of the Hebrides when its supply of Scotch runs out. Manhattan-Trans-Lux 60th St.
- • DEVIL IN THE FLESH. A sensitive, beautifully made film about two young lovers incapable of escaping the mesh of bourgeois conventions in which they're caught. Manhattan-Art.
- • RED SHOES. Distinguished by a fine ballet sequence. Manhattan-Bijou.
- • CHIMERELEA. Walt Disney's animation of the fairy tale has included some charming animal characters. Fine for children. Manhattan-Mayfair.
- • THE WALLS OF MALAPAGA. Rene Clement's direction makes this same old story of Jean Gabin being chased by the police an interesting film. Manhattan-Paris Theatre.
- • THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART FILM LIBRARY. A group of experimental films, by Delac, Leger, Clair, Karsner.
- • ALL THE KING'S MEN. Superficial and inconclusive as a study of a Huey Long, but an exciting film to watch. Manhattan-Charles, Gramercy, Tudor, 85th St. Trans-Lux, 9th St. Playhouse.
- • THE AFFAIR BLOND. A fine German film whose story of the frame-up of a Jew makes for a cool, brilliant study of the sources of Nazism, on the same bill with Germany Year Zero. Manhattan-City Theatre.
- • JENNY LAMOUR. A revival of a fine French detective story, with Louis Journe. Manhattan-Thalia.

### Skip

THE RED DANUBE. Drabbi slander about the Soviet Union's policy in Austria.

### Hollywood

## Hollywood Ten Blast Film Censorship Bill

By David Platt

SEN. EDWIN C. Johnson's movie censorship and licensing bill to curb "moral depravity" in films was condemned this week by the Hollywood Ten as "Hitlerian thought control."

Screenwriters Albert Maltz and Ring Lardner, Jr., speaking for the Ten said the real evil lies not in such films as Bergman's Stromboli which the Colorado senator attacked, but rather "in the attempt, from no matter what source, to control the freedom of the minds of men and women." They have the right to believe what they will, "either in politics, love or religion, and to express those beliefs without fear of economic destruction for so doing," the screen writers added.

Sen. Johnson was reminded that ten Hollywood writers and producers, were barred from the film industry following the October, 1947 hearings of the House Un-American Committee at which they refused to disclose their political and union affiliations. The screen-writers noted that the same leading movie executives who blacklisted the ten artists at the behest of the Parnell Thomas Committee, now are "crying out against the precise evil to which they surrendered."

"But censorship is a gross evil, and democracy cannot flourish where it is permitted to exist," they said. "The film must remain free of Hitlerian thought control practices. The Hollywood Ten, as the living examples of the disaster of censorship, will devote all their energies to its eradication," said Maltz and Lardner.

The two writers revealed that attorneys for the Ten would file a brief in Supreme Court urging reversal of the ban on the picture Curly imposed by the Tennessee

State Censorship Board because it showed Negro and white children playing together.

BORDER STREET, a new Polish film about the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto will have its American premiere at the Little Cinemat late next month, coincident with the anniversary of the revolt. The film, which was awarded the prize of the Ministers' Council at the Venice International Film Festival in 1948, will have a foreword by Quentin Reynolds. It was directed by Alexander Lang, who was active in prewar Poland as a director. Lang also collaborated in writing the story with Jean Forcé and Ludig Stolarski. Border Street was produced at the Barrandov Studios outside Prague. The cooperation of the Czech film industry was enlisted because

Polish facilities were then inadequate for so ambitious a project. A Czech cameraman, Jaroslav Tuvár, shot the film, and several prominent Czech actors appear in leading roles, along with a number of Poland's outstanding stage and screen actors.

### Fifteen Reels of Charlie Chaplin Films This Friday

Three rarely revived Chaplin feature comedies (15 reels in all) will be shown this Friday night, March 31, at Yugoslav Hall, 403 W. 41 St. They are: Tillie's Punctured Romance (1914), The Kid (1921) and The Circus (1928). Two performances: 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

### Books:

## Hodding Carter's 'Southern Legacy'

SOUTHERN LEGACY. By Hodding Carter. 186 pp. Baton Rouge, La. Louisiana State University Press. \$3.

By David Carpenter

Southern Legacy is a collection of "folksy" anecdotes, whose aim is to convince its readers that Southern white supremacists are not such bad fellows, after all. They are supposed to be incidents in the everyday life of Hodding Carter, the Mississippi editor, who makes a show of shadow-boxing with the white supremacists, while he shrewdly apologizes for them.

Carter would have his readers believe that the Negro people are not oppressed in the South; that

if they are oppressed, it's not too badly; that the white supremacists love the Negro people; that, if they do hate the Negro people, it's only because they were defeated in the Civil War and suffered so grievously during Reconstruction; that, anyhow, Carter and his friends are fighting any manifestations of white supremacy, and if they don't seem to be too successful, it's because the job must take a long time to complete.

Of course, Carter's objective in all this doubletalk, is to warn the people who are aroused by the oppression of the Negro people that they should not interfere with the way the Southern white supremacists operate.

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# TV Ban on Robeson Hit by Negro Press

## Stature As Freedom Fighter Hailed

A RUNTHROUGH of the Negro newspapers available as I write reveals a reaction predominantly indignant and resentful at the banning of Paul Robeson from NBC television. Even in newspapers vigorously opposed to Robeson, where no editorials appeared, the handling of the great artist with some featuring quotations from William Patterson, Civil Rights Congress chief, attacking the ban and characterizing Robeson as the greatest Negro leader of the day.

In the case of one newspaper, whose editor utilized the occasion only to praise Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, another writer in the same issue condemned the ban, calling Robeson "a great American speaking in behalf of civil rights for his people." Noteworthy in almost all columns handling the issue, is the recognition of the great stature of Paul Robeson and his unequivocal demand for equal rights for his people.

Boston Chronicle, March 25 from Editorial entitled Fear of Truth:

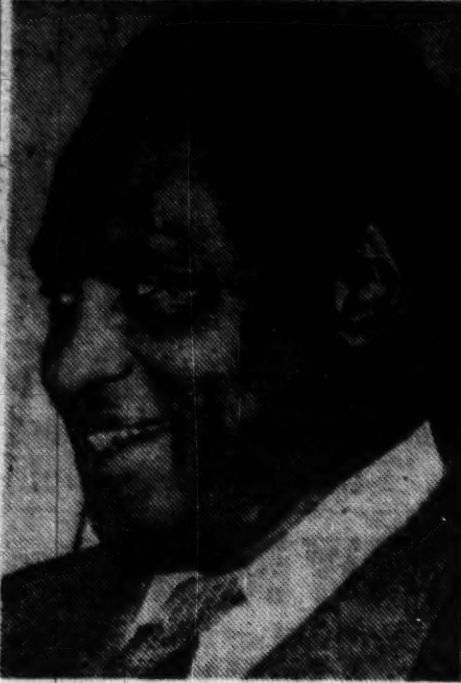
"There is nothing more un-American than the suppression of the individual's innate right to freedom of speech. Nevertheless, many men and women in our nation are currently engaging in trying to suppress—in some instances, with force and violence, as the Peekskill riots of last summer are perennial reminders—a fellow American's right to express opinions with which they disagree and reject. . . .

"The most outrageous suppression which occurred last week was

the cancellation of Paul Robeson's scheduled appearance on Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's television program over the National Broadcasting Company's network. Such an act was indefensible, whether or not one agrees with Mr. Robeson. It leads intelligent people to wonder if Mr. Robeson has something to say which the owners of NBC are fearful of having listeners hear. Moreover, the program was precisely devoted to airing trends of political thinking among the Negro people. . . . No well-informed person can deny that Mr. Robeson, who was to represent the Progressive Party, stands for an important trend in Negro political thought, despite the numerical paucity of its avowed adherents. . . . Were the suppressors afraid that Mr. Robeson's views, declared with his customary vigor and persuasiveness, might outweigh the others, because he is a greater man than either? (It is not intended as disparagement of either Mr. Powell or Mr. Howard to state the simple fact that Mr. Robeson has achieved greater international renown than any other living Negro American, not accepting Dr. Ralph J. Bunche or Dr. W. E. Burghardt DuBois.)"

New York Age, March 25. From Managing Editor Dan Burley's column, Clothesline:

"NBC-Television barring of Paul Robeson from Mrs. FDR's broadcast was one of the most vicious examples of un-Americanism on record. The television outfit takes an impossible position in refusing to grant an American the right to present an opinion, a viewpoint of his attitude because he is being



PAUL ROBESON

criticized and condemned by his natural enemies—the cracker block in Congress and the vicious anti-Negro elements that would make good publicity available only to the most tried and true Uncle Toms. Which, thank God, Robeson ain't!"

### Today's Film:

## 'Clochemerle' at Ambassador

THE SCANDALS OF CLOCHERLE. Sirtzky release. Directed by Pierre Chenal. Screenplay by Gabriel Chevalier from his novel. With Felix Quart, Brochard, Simone Michels, Cri-Cri Muller. At the Ambassador.

By Jose Yglesias

THIS REVIEWER didn't get around to seeing *The Scandals of Clochemerle*, the new French movie at the Ambassador, until all the other newspaper reviews of the film were out. The extensive cutting that New York censors made the film undergo, the reactions to the movie and the American narration imposed on it, provide something of a case study of prudery, embarrassment and an incapacity to deal with a farcical genre not familiar here. It makes one wonder what kind of reception and treatment Penguin Island might receive if no one knew it was Anatole France's.

All this is to say that *The Scandals of Clochemerle*, badly cut as it is, is a good film. But even as it is the movie is a witty example

of a French farce with political overtone and a straightforward Rabelaisian humor which serves as an interesting and healthy contrast to the veiled smuttiness of American movies.

The story, as allowed to come through intermittently, concerns itself with the reverberations in a French town to the erection of a public urinal in the town's square. It faces the church and this fact arouses the monarchist elements. The town officials, all petit-bourgeois republicans, consider that they have struck a blow for progress.

The conflict that hits the town becomes complicated with the arrival of troops who are sent by the nation's minister of the interior in response to pressure from the Catholic hierarchy. The troops are politically and personally resented by the republicans whose wives and daughters are apt to succumb to the influx of young, uniformed men in the town. Finally, however, they win their fight. The troops leave and the urinal stands. This story has been sifted through an American narration that is juvenile

son, however, could not offset the public distaste against Paul's pro-Soviet public utterances. So great was the reaction that Mr. Robeson's appearance was indefinitely cancelled."

Afro-American (Baltimore) of March 25, 1940. From editorial entitled Air Not Free at NBC.

"... In a democracy such as ours, every party should be permitted to have its say whether the American Legion agrees with it or not. Legionnaires were responsible for most of the protests above mentioned against Robeson's appearing on TV.

"If Mr. Robeson had been permitted to speak he certainly would have had both Congressman Powell and Mr. Howard at a great disadvantage.

"It would have been impossible for either one of those gentlemen to explain why we have no civil rights legislation on the books, despite the fact that both Republicans and Democrats are committed to it and that the 80th Congress was predominantly Republican and the 81st Congress predominantly Democrat."—B. R.

## Ted Tinsley Says

### THE PATRIOT

"FRANCE IS DOOMED!" cried Arch Farch. "The French should never have taken action against Coco-Cola!"

Edna Farch shrugged. "This thing has its bright side," she said. "It'll be good for Jim Farley's health. He might get up off his knees."

"But France is doomed," repeated Arch.

"What makes you think a ban on Coco-Cola will doom France?"

"I have just read," said Arch, "that Billy Rose is taking punitive action."

"My God, no!" cried Edna. "This is awful! Can the French Confederation of Labor survive the blow?"

"I don't know," said Arch, gloomily.

"By the way, Arch, who is Billy Rose?"

"You don't know who Billy Rose is?"

Edna shook her head.

"Billy Rose is a showman," explained Arch. "He owns the Diamond Horseshoe."

"And what," asked Edna, "is the Diamond Horseshoe?"

"It's a New York night club."

"If he's a showman, what does he show?"

"Girls," said Arch patiently.

"You pay for this?"

"Certainly."

"That's silly. I can see lots of girls for nothing. What else does he do?"

"He writes a column and talks a lot about his wife. He lets everybody in on his private affairs."

"How nice," said Edna. "He provides the keyhole! Does he write the column himself?"

"Well," Arch confessed, "I did read somewhere that he gets it written for him. He signs it, anyway."

"It must exhaust the poor man," said Edna, sympathetically.

"And to think, in some societies men have to write their own columns! We must hang on to our freedom!"

"That we must," agreed Arch. "Anyway, Billy Rose is going to fix France, but good."

"And how is the little fellow going to do it all by himself?"

"This patriot is putting up a five-foot sign in the Diamond Horseshoe, reading, 'SORRY, NO FRENCH CHAMPAIGNE'."

"Oh, God in heaven, what will I do," cried Edna, banging her head lightly against a wall.

Arch was grim. "You will just have to learn to get along without French champagne."

Edna thought a while, then murmured, "I think I can manage it. It will take struggle and will power on my part, but I'll manage. Tell me, did Billy Rose's heroic action and five-foot sign make the papers?"

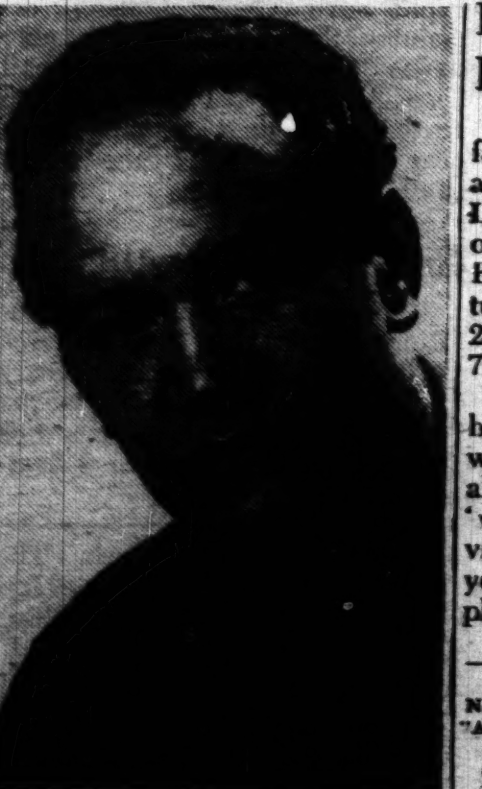
"It certainly did," Arch held up a clipping to prove it. "All of them. And the wire services, too."

"Not bad for the Diamond Horseshoe, is it? I guess he gets a cash return for his patriotism, doesn't he?"

"Communist!" roared Arch.

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### Liberty Book Club's

#### April-May Selections

Liberty Book Club's April selection Pictures in the Hallway by Sean O'Casey is now being mailed to the members of the club.

### Dunham Dance Recital

Katherine Dunham and her company will be presented by S. Hurk at the Broadway Theatre in a limited engagement of two and one half weeks starting April 19 in her latest dance-musical.

## Frank Silvera to Play Irish Seaman in "Longitude 49"

Frank Silvera, who played the father in the original Broadway and London productions of *Anna Lucasta* has been cast in the role of an Irish seaman for the off-Broadway production of *Longitude 49* scheduled to open April 21 at Freedom Theatre, 347 E. 72 St.

This is the first time a Negro has been selected to portray a white man in a contemporary play, although Canada Lee offered a "whiteface" performance in the revival of *Duchess of Malfi* a few years ago. Silvera, however, will play without makeup.

Written by a former seaman,

Herb Tank, *Longitude 49* takes place on an American tanker anchored off an Iranian port. "Longitude" is the first new American play concerned with the contemporary scene to be presented by any of the off-Broadway groups which have been content, for the most part, to confine themselves to revivals and translations of European works.

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## It May Never Happen Again!

By Lester Rodney

Down around the dressing room, Long Island University coach Clair Bee, alight with enthusiasm and yelling as if it were his own team that had just swept to sports history on the Garden floor said, "I thought they could do it this time. I picked 'em to go through right after the first day, but I don't think any team can win both tournaments again. It's too tough."

He may be right. Tough was the word and glorious were the fighting underdog youngsters of New York City College as they wrote one of the great sports stories of our time in beating San Francisco, Kentucky, Duquesne, Bradley, Ohio State, North Carolina State and then Bradley again for good measure. Every section threw its best team against them. The best of the best. Does that make them champs of all they survey in the college basketball world? You tell me. Or better still, ask some of the delirious boys and girls who were still hoarsely whooping it up in the Times Building triangle at 1 a.m. Wednesday morning.

In this final game, this climactic replay of the seventh game of the World Series against a revenge-seeking foe rated the land's best, they came through again. Bradley sprung a zone defense this time and City pulverized it brilliantly for 39 points in the first half. Then Bradley went back to a man to man defense!

There were those who thought this game would be ragged and poorly played, both teams were too tired. Far from it. The pace and execution were terrific and the jam-packed house was on its feet from the start. City penetrated the zone with blazing ballhandling culminating in slicing drive-ins by Warner and Layne down the middle, uncanny side push shots by big Roman and Dambrot's jump one handers. They were sizzling but so was Bradley and as the score was tied six times and the lead changed hands nine times the question rose: Who's gonna crack? One of these teams has to give.

It wasn't City. They drew away bit by bit to a 39-32 lead at the half. Then in the second half they widened it to ten. They were in command. There seemed no question of the outcome tonight, only of the score. Then big Roman fouled out. Bradley drove a little harder, City a little less purposefully. You sensed a subtle change. Bradley was coming, City waiting for the end of the game.

SEVERAL TIMES the desperate men of Illinois drove to within three points, but the pressure went off and people started to leave when Layne spotted a pretty out of bounds pass to Dambrot underneath and Irwin dunked it to give City a six point lead with 57 seconds left.

All of a sudden the lead was down to one point with 30 seconds to go. Little Gene Melchiorre was ablaze. Then superheated Bradley forced a bad City pass and got the ball with 20 seconds left. Melchiorre careened toward the basket again coming from the side. The place was bedlam. Could this be sudden electrifying catastrophe and the end of the big dream? The shot hit the rim. High up in the air with legs wide apart went Dambrot, who had played the full 40 minutes, scored 15 and held the All American Unruh to 8. Down the floor sprinted the tall, ungainly Mager, blood still seeping through a bandage covering five halftime stitches necessary after a sickening headon collision.

Dambrot let go with a lob pass over the straining, frantic Bradleyites, Mager took in full cry and caroomed it home for the crushing last goal and seconds later the buzzer sounded and they had him up on their shoulders.

In the first Bradley game City came from behind to win. This time they held their lead. The better team won again. The best. It was no disgrace for Bradley. The beaten players looked on the verge of tears as they took their consolation watches and filed off to the dressing room. But little Melchiorre came back and shook hands with every City player. "We'll see you next year," they shouted to him as he left.

THE DRESSING ROOM was reasonably quiet after the one big first uproar when Coach Nat Holman carried in the huge silver bowl inscribed "NCAA Champions, 1950." The players were leaving the

down his books and picked up a picket sign reading: "DAVIS AND KNICKERBOCKER MUST GO. NO JIMCROW. NO ANTI-SEMITISM AT CCNY." And the other co-captain, Joe Caliber, who had been a great all scholastic at Franklin High, then spent four long basketball-less years in the Army, and back to school. A little older than the others. Head of the student committee pushing for the elimination of anti-Negro passages in the Commager history book used as a college text.

The ebullient sophomores, with two more years of CCNY basketball ahead of them. Floyd Lane, no longer underrated. "Great wasn't it? Who's tired? I go out for baseball practice Monday." He's a lefthanded pitcher. Warner, Roma, Roth. Next year's nucleus. This was a basketball team, this CCNY team of 1950.

Mager and Dambrot started a little sentimental fire in the middle of the floor, tossing in an old hat, a uniform belt. Roman came out of the shower shouting and smothered it with a wet towel. The smoke filled the room and everyone began laughing and coughing and yelling at once.

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On the way out I passed a couple with two of those little Confederate flags. They were intensely glum and I heard one say "I feel sick."

The allegeroos were echoing and re-echoing down 8th Ave. and over to Broadway. I felt fine. This tournament goes high in my book of sports memories.

### CCNY Briefs

Irwin Dambrot already has pro offers from the Knicks, Rochester and Baltimore. But he's going into Columbia next fall to complete his dental studies and says he can play pro ball only if he gets the same deal the Knicks give med student Vanderweghe, no going on road trips.

The industrious City students had new streamers for this game around the gallery railing. They read: "Bradley's Last Stand," and "We Did It Before and We Can Do It Again." Darned if they didn't.

Bud Palmer, who played for the Knicks last year and now broadcasts pro and college basketball, admitted that on its best tourney behavior CCNY would have beaten the pros. (Hey, maybe that was off the record).

Bradley's young coach, Forest Anderson, is hard to convince. "I think we're still the best team in the country," he said, "City is a good tournament team." Asked if he had any complaints about the officiating, he said, "I never complained about officiating. Let's just say City was good."

Let's just say it!  
No classes at CCNY yesterday. Allegaroo!

### Carrasquel New SS, Appling Tries 1st

LOS ANGELES, March 28. — Luke Appling said today that he was willing to "give first base a go" but that the big mitt felt "like a boxing glove" when he tried it for the first time yesterday.

Manager Jack Onslow announced the "great experiment" with the White Sox's veteran shortstop, explaining that he wanted to play rookie Carrasquel at short and keep Appling's bat in the lineup at the same time. Appling's 19-year batting average in the American League is .311.

### Injunction Vs. ABC

Attorney General Nathan Goldstein asked the New York Supreme Court yesterday for a temporary injunction banning activities of the American Bowling Congress in this state. Goldstein asked for a hearing on his plea April 6.

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## YANKS NIP SOX, DODGERS LOSE

SARASOTA, Fla., March 29 (UP).—The New York Yankees snapped a five-game losing streak by defeating the Boston Red Sox, 5 to 4, today as relief specialist Joe Page came on to shut out the Sox in the ninth inning to preserve the triumph.

Joe DiMaggio played nine innings for the second consecutive day and contributed a single and a walk to the Yankees' eight-hit attack on Mel Parnell and Joe Dobson.

Ed Lopat yielded three hits and two runs in five innings and was followed on the mound by Bob Porterfield, who was making his first appearance since March 18. He pitched one inning and permitted a run.

VERO BEACH, Fla., March 29 (UP).—A single by Sam Chapman scored Elmer Valo with two out in the 10th inning to give the A's a 9-8 victory over the Dodgers today.

Lou Brissie, going the longest route of any Philadelphia pitcher this year, hurled the last seven innings. He allowed ten hits including two-run homers by Carl Furillo and Bob Morgan, the latter's tying the score for Brooklyn in the ninth.

## Yanks Farm 10

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 29 (UP).—The New York Yankees assigned 10 rookies, including pitcher Whitey Ford and outfielder Bill Renna, to minor league affiliates today, cutting their roster to 34 players.

Ford and Renna, both of whom had starred in spring exhibition games, were sent to Kansas City of the American Association. Ford was the big surprise because he had pitched effectively all spring and was given an outside chance of breaking into the Yankees' starting alignment. Renna, a product of California, batted .469 in the Yankees' exhibition games. Infielder Jim Brideweiser, who batted .513 and fielded brilliantly in Yankee exhibitions, was farmed to Binghamton.

### Vote 40 Min. Game

The nation's basketball coaches, assembled here, voted yesterday for a "40 minute game," scrapping the present two minute rule. However, the clock will stop on held balls and the defensive team will get both inside positions. The rules committee is certain to adopt this change.

## WIRE TO RICKEY

Branch Rickey, President, Brooklyn Dodgers:

You have been quoted as saying, re pitcher Dan Bankhead, that three Negro players on one team is a saturation point at present for the fans. The City College of New York basketball team which just swept through two tourneys to the undisputed national championship, has four Negro players on its squad. What do

you suggest, barring them for exceeding your mythical quota? America's fans don't count democracy by ones. Your Brooklyn team became most popular in the land just because it was the first to practice democracy. Talk to the fans and you'll discover undemocratic quota idea is only in your mind.

LESTER RODNEY,  
Sports Editor

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THANKS to "Anonymous" for \$5 for the Daily Worker credited to this column. Any allegeroo money in the house for the paper that didn't wait till tourney time for big articles on CCNY?

— RODNEY